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Soldier back from Iraq

Sgt. Jerry Daniels of the Mississippi National Guard returns from a 13-month mission.

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Sierra Club blasts DuPont emissions

BY BENNIE
SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

A public hearing will be held on Thursday, May 6, at 7 p.m. concerning two proposed air emissions permits at the DuPont DeLisle Plant located in West Harrison County. The hearing will be held by the Mississippi Department of

Environmental Quality at the West Harrison County Civic Center located at 4670 Espy Ave. in Long Beach.

A certified letter to plant manager Pat Nichols from the MDEQ Office of Pollution Control, dated March 23, cites nine points of violation in the areas of Particulate Matter, Carbon Monoxide, and

Nitrogen Oxides and calls for a meeting to resolve the issues, some of which dated back to 1989. The violations did not come to light until members of the Sierra Club found the letter while pursuing company records at the DEQ's Jackson office.

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These technical errors ... were not the result of any mis-reporting or misrepresentation of emissions and were promptly communicated to MDEQ.'

Pat Nichols,
DuPont DeLisle plant manager

Bull's Eye



Echo Staff Photo by Bennie Shallbetter

Mr. Power Stroke the bull will be only one of the attractions at the Four Oaks Tri-State Rodeo at the Hancock County Fairgrounds and Covered Arena this Friday and Saturday. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the action begins at 8 p.m. Call 228-452-7068 for advance tickets or pay at the gate. Children under 6 are free.

Missing kids found unhurt near canal in Shoreline Pk.

Children, ages 3 & 4, wandered off while their mom was asleep

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS

Publisher Emeritus

What could have been a disaster was avoided Monday morning by an alert Shoreline Park resident, who saw two youngsters playing by a canal, Sheriff Steve Garber said.

"The sheriff's office received a call from a Shoreline Park mother reporting her two children, ages three and four, were missing from her home at 8:25 a.m.," Chief Kenny Hurt said Monday.

"The only thing I could think about on my way to the scene was the two drownings we had last year of youngsters in a canal," Hurt said.

Hurt said that sheriff's

Teen-ager arrested for coke

BY ELLIS C.

CUEVAS

Publisher Emeritus

A Bay St. Louis man was lodged in the Hancock County Criminal Justice Facility this week following his arrest by the Bay/Waveland Narcotics Task Force for the alleged sale of cocaine, according to police.

"Nathan Bradley, 18, 648 Union Street, Bay St. Louis was arrested Monday by the Bay/Waveland Narcotics Task Force and charged with the

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For the birds

The new beach under construction near Bayou Caddy is a hit with the local wildlife. Literally hundreds of terns and seagulls Wednesday morning as workers pumped sand onto the site.



Echo staff photo by Ellis C. Cuevas

Antoine, Pass alderman, resigns for second time

BY SHANNON JENKINS
Staff Writer

A Pass Christian alderman recently submitted a letter of resignation stating March 31 would be his "last day."

On April 6, the board will either accept or decline Michael Antoine's resignation as Ward 3 alderman.

Mary Catherine Ward, chair-

woman of the three-person election commission, said plans for a special election are tentative.

She said the commission has proposed May 18 as an election date. Ward said anyone wishing to run for Ward 3 alderman must be from that ward and have a petition signed by at least 50 reg-

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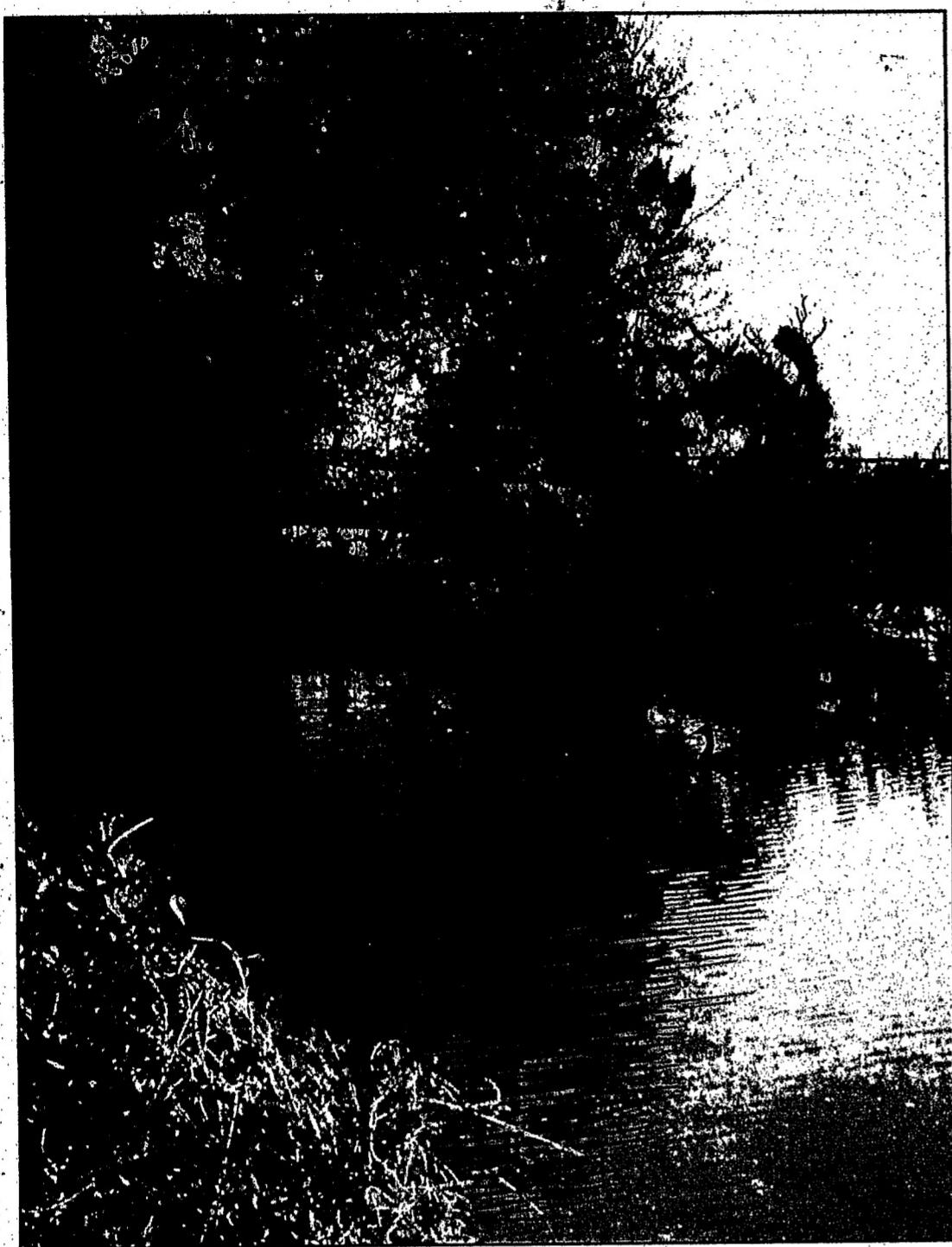
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Wetlands project featured in Spring Pilgrimage



Bay-Waveland
Friday, April 2 from 1 to 3 p.m.

The property of Mr. & Mrs. Sandy Villere at 625 North Beach Blvd., Waveland will be featured at the Bay-Waveland portion of the Mississippi Coast 57th Annual Spring Pilgrimage. The property is a pristine wetlands landscape complete with tidal outlet, interior lagoon, surrounding wetlands encapsulated in a highland environment. The

of docks and piers, as well as ballast stones, it is apparent that this is where Jean Lafitte docked his ships.

Wildlife abound in this tranquil setting. There are

returning Canadian geese

are in the largest pond.

The female is presently

nesting on the island while

the male is standing guard.

(Please do not disturb.)

Other Bay-Waveland locations for viewing on Friday:

The Hancock County Historical Society at the Kate Lobrano House, 103 Cue Street, Bay St. Louis, Hours 1 to 3 p.m.

The Green Family Home, 418 South Beach Blvd., Bay St. Louis, Hours 1 pm to 3pm The Blue Star Memorial Corner of

Gardens, Coleman Avenue and the Beach, Waveland Hours: All Day.

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Easter egg hunt in Waveland to benefit Relay For Life 2004

An Easter egg hunt will be held at the Waveland Ball Park, across from the Railroad Bar, on Sunday, April 4, from 2 to 4 p.m.

The cost per person is \$1. All proceeds from this hunt will be donated to the American Society Relay for Life 2004 in Hancock County.

For more information about this event, contact Colleen McDevitt at 228-586-5233.

5K Fun, Run & Walk to benefit Hope Haven Children's Shelter

Event scheduled April 24

A certified 5K course through Buccaneer State Park has been scheduled for Saturday, April 24.

Check in time is from 7 to 8:45 a.m. at Harold and Lillian's Lounge, 5196 Forrest St., Clermont Harbor.

Open to runners, walkers, adults, families and kids! Entry fee, \$18 adults, Children 12 years and under, \$10. T-shirts and water provided.

For more information, Refreshments will be avail-

able after event.

Come out and join this community event to support our local shelter for abused and neglected children.

All profits will be donated to Hope Haven a non profit corp. Your donation is 100 percent tax deductible.

This event is sponsored by Harold and Lillian's Lounge.

For more information, call 466-9782.

Statewide effort looks to identify disabled youth

The Hancock County School District is participating in an ongoing statewide effort to identify, locate, and evaluate children from birth through the age of 21 who have a physical, mental, communicative and/or emotional disability.

Early identification of children in need of special educational experiences is most important to each child. Furthermore, this information gathered from contacts with parents and other agencies will be used to help determine present and future program needs as progress is made toward the goal of providing a free appropriate public education to all

children with a disability. Anyone with information pertaining to a child with disabilities, or questions regarding the collection and maintenance of data, is asked to contact Jean Young, Child Identification Coordinator for the Hancock County School District by calling (228) 255-6626 or writing to 6069 Cuevas Town Road, Kilm, MS 39556.

The Child Identification Coordinator implements child identification, location, and evaluation of children birth through age 21 who have a disability, regardless of the severity of their disability, and who are in need of special education and/or related services.

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Hancock Co. Spring Clean-up begins

Each Saturday - April 3 through May 1
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County residents will have the opportunity to dispose of non-hazardous household rubbish and debris each Saturday in April from 8:30am - 11:30am, thanks to the Hancock County Board of Supervisors, the Road Crews and the Hancock County Sheriff's Office. A dump truck and backhoe will be placed at select locations for residents to discard non-hazardous household waste. (Because this rubbish and debris will then be hauled to the Hancock County Dump, see below under Hancock County Dump for items that cannot be collected on clean-up days.)

No n-H a z a r d o u s Household Rubbish & Debris will be accepted on the following dates at the following locations:

Saturday, April 3, 2004 - 8:30am - 11:30am
Pearlington Fire Department

Saturday, April 10, 2004 - 8:30am - 11:30am
Baseball Field on Highway 603 at Highway 53

Saturday, April 17, 2004 - 8:30am - 11:30am
Leetown Ballfield - Leetown Road and Necaise-Caeser Roads

Saturday, April 24, 2004 - 8:30am - 11:30am
Former Wal-Mart Building Parking Lot on Highway 90 in Waveland

Saturday, May 1, 2004 - 8:30am - 11:30am
Diamondhead Shopping Center

For more information, contact:
Hancock County Chamber of Commerce
Beautification Committee
412 Highway 90, Suite 6
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
228-467-9048 / Fax: 228-467-1573

Frequently Asked Questions About Waste Disposal

Provided as a service of the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce with support from the Elected Officials of Hancock County. Please report any errors and/or omissions to the Chamber Office at 228-467-9048.

Hancock County Dump: 228-255-0700

Referred to by locals as the "Hancock County



Echo staff photo by Eli C. Cuevas
Colonial Plaza, Bay St. Louis, owner Frank Hillie puts the finishing touches on the refurbishing of the center's parking lot in response to the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce's "Take Pride, Take Responsibility, Take Action, Join in the Fight Against Litter," campaign, which is underway. The cleanup campaign for businesses and residences is through May and is in cooperation with the MS Department of Transportation, Keep America Beautiful, and the Elected Officials of Hancock County.

Dump", this is operated by Magnolia Disposal, located on Highway 43 in the Kiln two miles from 603 heading toward Picayune on the left side. This dump is open to all residents of Hancock County as a county service. Each resident is entitled to 10 cubic yards per month at no charge. Over this amount, there will be a charge from Magnolia Disposal. They cannot take any household trash; no electronics, TVs, microwaves, telephones or anything that contains mercury or lead. They cannot take oil, gas or chemical liquids, contaminated soils, batteries, tires, medical waste, friable asbestos, refrigerators, air-conditioners with compressors, butane cans.

Solid Waste Enforcement Officer of Hancock County, Bill Johnson - 467-2770

Dumping solid waste in an unauthorized area is illegal. To report sightings, please call Bill Johnson. Or, the Hancock County Sheriff's Department at 228-467-5101.

You must sign an affidavit as a witness to the dumping for it to be enforced. The only approved site for Hancock County residents to dispose of solid waste is the County Dump on Highway 43 (Magnolia Disposal: 228-255-0700).

Disposing of Old Tires

Hancock County will accept old tires from residents (up to 25 tires per individual only per year) at two locations, Monday -

Friday from 7am - 3pm:
Hancock County South Barn (228-467-4324) - located on Lower Bay Road off Highway 90 just past Post Office on the right side (directly behind a house).

Hancock County North Barn (228-255-3367) - located on Highway 43 just past Highway 603 on right side of road.

Disposing of Mercury
Currently, there is no resource available in Hancock County to dispose of items with mercury.

Refrigerators

To dispose of refrigerators, you must first arrange to have the freon removed. You can do this by contacting an air-conditioning company to remove the freon for you and provide a tag to verify the removal. (For a list of Hancock Chamber members go on line to: www.hancockchamber.org or use the EATEL Sunshine Pages. The fee is around \$45 - \$55 per removal. They will come to your home, remove the freon, and put a tag on the refrigerator to verify the freon has been removed. The tagged refrigerator can then be removed by either the local trash service or you can take it to the County Dump (Magnolia Disposal on Highway 43).

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

The elected officials of Hancock County with support from the Department of Environmental Quality, work together to schedule regular household hazardous waste days to pro-

vide opportunities for residents to dispose of hazardous waste. There is no permanent site available at this time.

For locations in Harrison County, please contact the Harrison County Beautification Commission: 214-1405.

PUBLIC NOTICE

HANCOCK COUNTY
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THE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY APRIL 9TH AND APRIL 23RD 2004 HAVE BEEN RESCHEDULED TO FRIDAY APRIL 16TH AND 30TH AT 2:00 P.M. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE DISTRICT MAINTENANCE BUILDING LOCATED AT 3082 LONGFELLOW ROAD, BAY ST. LOUIS.

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EPA and MDEQ to hold public meeting about the Picayune Wood Treating Site

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will hold a public meeting on Thursday, April 1, 2004, regarding the former wood-treating site in Picayune, Mississippi. EPA and Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) officials will provide information, answer questions, and address citizen concerns about the completion of the emergency removal of contamination, the ongoing assessment activities, and the future actions planned for the site. Officials from the Mississippi State Department of Health and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry will be available to

address health-related concerns.

The public meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Mason Hall, 713 Ross St. in Picayune. Persons interested in obtaining additional information are encouraged to contact Sherry A. Carbonaro, EPA Community Involvement Coordinator, at (800) 564-7577 or (404) 562-8611, or Jerry Banks, Division Chief, MDEQ Groundwater Assessment and Remediation Division, at (888) 786-0661 or (601) 961-5221. Wood Treating, Inc., a former creosote and pentachlorophenol wood-treating site, operated from 1946 until 1999, when it closed the business.

SSC Special Olympics seeks volunteers now

The annual Stennis Space Center Special Olympics needs volunteers to work with athletes at its April 3 games. For more, call Mary Jones at 688-5179.

Diamondhead Women Spring Art Fling April 4

Diamondhead Women's Club will hold its 10th Annual Spring Art Fling on Sunday, April 4, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Diamondhead Country Club. Many artists in the area will display their work. Admission is \$1 and all proceeds will be donated to Hope Haven Children's Shelter and the Alzheimer's Foundation.

Benefit chicken & fish fry for Ashleigh Patton

There will be a benefit chicken and fish fry this Saturday, April 3, 11 a.m. until, for Ashleigh Patton, who will be attending the Study Abroad program in Spain. Call 467-5317 or 261-0378.

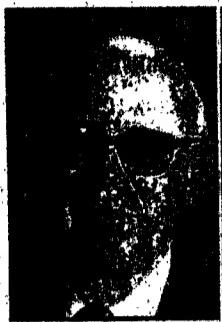
Knights of Peter Claver Lenten catfish dinners

The Knights & Ladies of Peter Claver will sponsor fried catfish dinners Friday under the St. Rose Church Pavilion. Plates will be available for lunch and dinner for a \$5 donation. Call 669-4400 or 467-1651.

Opinion

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Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

The Hancock County Chamber of Commerce's Beautification Committee in cooperation with the Board of Supervisors, the road crews and the Hancock County Sheriff's office will offer on Saturday, April 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., a non-hazardous household and debris collection at the Pearlington Fire Department.

This is part of the "Pick It Up Hancock County! And, put here" project.

A dump truck and backhoe will be placed at the Pearlington Fire Department to collect non-hazardous rubbish and debris which will be hauled to the Hancock County dump.

(Please note) They cannot accept the following items: household trash, electronics, TVs, microwaves, telephones or anything that contains mercury or lead; oil, gas or chemical liquids, contaminated soils, batteries, tires, medical waste, friable asbestos, refrigerators, air-conditioners with compressors, butane cans.

Another opportunity will be given residents on April 10 at the baseball field on Highway 603; April 17 at the Leetown Ballfield, Leetown Road and Necaise-Ceasear roads; April 24, Former Wal-Mart building parking lot, Waveland; and May 1, Diamondhead Shopping Center.

This is the time of year for folks to cleanup and spruce up their properties.

The chamber's beautification committee urges everyone to "Take Pride." Take

I hope you enjoy the Pilgrimage activities.

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Mention of taxes causes 'twitching'

Thank goodness for the lonely voice of John Mayo, the 57-year-old Vietnam veteran from Clarksdale, talking sense up at the state Capitol about raising taxes at least modestly to stop a bloodletting of five vital state services.

Trouble is, nobody under the dome seems to want to listen to even a broad-spectrum tax plan (ranging from income to "sin"--cigs, booze, brew and gaming) that the two-term Democratic state representative has carefully worked out.

His proposal would generate \$212 million in revenue which he wants to

expressly dedicate to saving teacher pay, mental health, Vo-rehab, Medicaid, human services and public health from devastating cuts.

Unless a miracle happens in the meantime, the Mayo tax proposal was expected to wind up on the legislative scrap pile the middle of this week.

Mayo is up against the highly seductive governmental malady that has gripped Mississippi's current executive leadership and all but a small cadre of

legislators.

Just the mere mention of the "T" word at the Capitol immediately causes them to twitch. But they quickly recover by hauling out a dog-eared totem that reads: avoid the "T" word, at all costs.

The "at all costs" part is what worries me, and a lot of other people, and, of course, John Mayo. Worry that our state leadership is about to toss the baby out with the bath water and fail to adequately provide

state services people vitally need.

Short of new tax revenue in the neighborhood of \$200 million being put into the state revenue stream at this session, the Legislature and Gov. Barbour will repeat the kind of rob-Peter-to-pay-Paul state budget patched together for the last three years.

That means again emptying rainy-day funds, skimming the top off of the Tobacco trust fund and other supposedly hands-off funds, plus leaving many long-promised services, among

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Eyes on Mississippi

By Bill Minor

In the afternoon from 1 to 3 p.m., The Hancock County Historical Society's Kate Labrano House, 108 Cue St., across from the Hancock County Courthouse, Bay St. Louis, the Green Family Home owned by Mrs. Charlotte Foster, 418 S. Beach Blvd. Bay St. Louis; and The Property of Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Villere, 625 North Beach Blvd., Waveland will be open all day Friday. The Monument plays tribute to the men and women of the United States Armed Forces who bravely and courageously defended America. The Veteran's Memorial site designed and is maintained by the American Legion Post 77, and Waveland Civic Association.

Remember, the Annual Mississippi Gulf Coast Spring Pilgrimage offers free admission for the homes on display.

I hope you enjoy the Pilgrimage activities.

Making a Difference: St. Clare School

Greetings! We at St. Clare School are very excited about the recent goings on here at the school and would like to wish you all a happy spring season!

From Mardi Gras parades, to serving at Dunbar Village, to competing in the district spelling bee, and preparing for quarter exams, our students have continued to shine through while growing in their relationships with not only their friends and faculty, but also with God.

We have been blessed to serve more and more students this year and we are pleased to report that our numbers in the school are continuing to increase at a steady pace.

We here at St. Clare are truly excited about all the possibilities and challenges that come with a larger student body and we look forward to seeing some new faces. St. Clare School is currently opening its

registration to new families and members of the community that have not previously been enrolled in the school.

Registration for grades Pre-K 3 year olds through the sixth grade would be welcomed by contacting the school office between the hours of 7:45 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. daily.

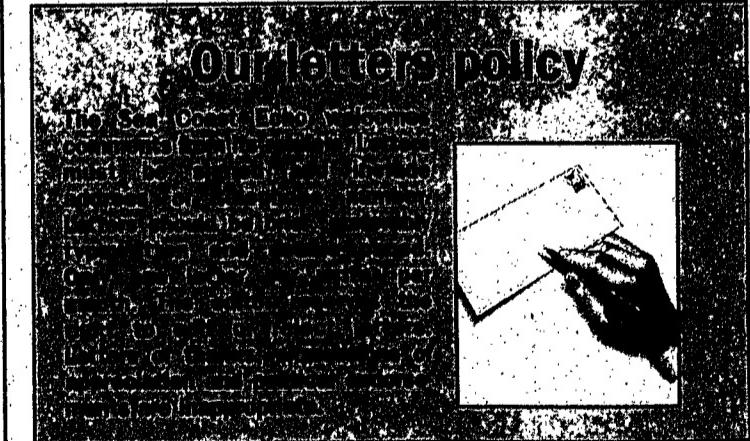
If you are interested in sponsoring a needy child or children in their education, please consider giving to the St. Clare Sponsor-A-Student program.

This program helps those who would not otherwise be able to attend school because of financial need.

Information about registration or the St. Clare Sponsor-A-Student program can be received by contacting the school office by phone at (228) 467-7071 or by fax at (228) 467-0584.

Mark Cumella,
Principal of St. Clare
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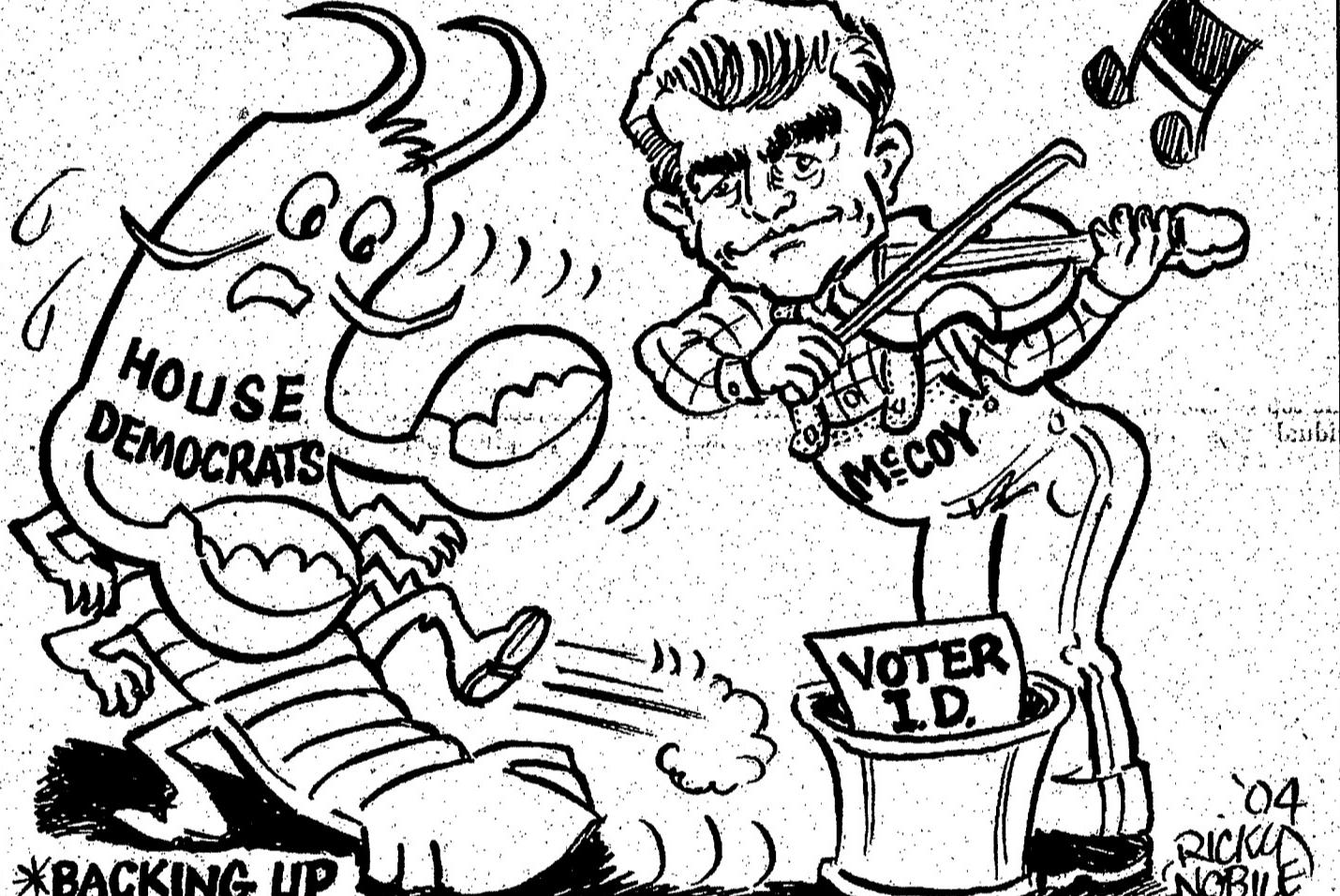
Letters to the Editor



Dear Editor,
As a resident of St. Martin, Miss., and the observer of the Mardi Gras Parade in Waveland, Sunday, Feb. 15, I am very saddened, unhappy as well as heavyhearted at an incident I along with other people witnessed at this gala affair, which could have turned out to be a tragedy.
I along with my daughter and her children were standing next to a couple who were sitting in their vehicle, and eventually got out to welcome some people, who they appeared to know on the float.
Immediately, the lady got back in her car. Unfortunately, it soon appeared she was in serious trouble. My daughter recognized she was having difficulty breathing. Her husband walked over to a police officer and asked him to please get some help to get out of the crowd so he could

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Old I-10 bridge is 'key' to fishing in Sound

Anyone who has been down Highway 90 through Pass Christian lately may have noticed some activity just Northeast of Cat Island in the Sound.

Also, anyone who has been down I-10 through Hancock County in the last two years is certainly aware of the construction at the I-10 Jordan River bridge. These two linked projects are working examples of what can happen when agencies and people work together.

The Square Handkerchief Key just south of the Bay of St. Louis is being expanded to include the remainder of the dismantled I-10 bridge over the Jordan River. The first 1200 feet of the key laid down in 2002 was the rubble from the East bound bridge.

Now the reef is being doubled in size with the addition of the concrete from the West bound bridge.

L&A Contractors is moving the material on a barge from I-10 to the site of the Key. The Key is having 300 feet added on the north end and the remaining 900 feet



is being added to the South end. The project is approximately three-quarters complete at this time.

The semi-submerged concrete will continue to foul and allow organisms like oysters and barnacles to grow on its surface, providing a feeding area for fish, blue and stone crabs.

The result will be an increase in bio-diversity and give recreational fishermen with smaller boats a chance to fish on an artificial reef. In addition to being an easily accessible fishing spot, the lee side of the structure can also provide some relief for boaters who become caught in storms that can pop up unexpectedly.

The Square Handkerchief Key project involved cooperation from many agencies and bodies. The Mississippi Departments of Transportation, Marine Resources, and Environmental Quality; the Secretary of State, Army Corps of Engineers, Hancock and Harrison Counties, L&A Contractors, and the Mississippi Gulf Fishing Banks, all played important roles in the permitting, funding, and construction necessary to complete this project.

This second half of the project was funded by the Wallop-Breaux Aquatic Resources Trust Fund. This fund was established by congress to help in the areas

of boater safety and sports fishing.

It authorized motorboat fuel taxes, and excise taxes and import duties on fishing equipment and recreational boats, to be transferred to the fund.

This is a unique program that allows those who fish and boat to directly receive the benefit of the taxes they pay on items purchased for these activities.

The public enthusiasm for the Square Handkerchief Key has been overwhelming. Whereas before we had an entire bridge that was going to sit useless in a landfill, we will now have a 2,400-foot long key. Before, this material was helping South Mississippians move from place to place, now it will serve as an easily accessible fishing venue.

It was a pleasure to work with everyone in the planning and completion of the key. We must consider these opportunities as they arise. This shallow reef will enhance our local fisheries by allowing this concrete to continue to work for South Mississippi.

Minor

them the centers for mentally ill teens.

Also a starvation diet of the five major programs, including school funding Mayo is trying to protect.

A new 6 percent top bracket in the state individual income tax--restoring the top rate Mississippi had until 1965--and conservatively estimated to raise \$100 million, is the main revenue producer in the Mayo plan.

Mayo specifically provides in his bill that only the top bracket of the individual income tax is raised one percent and not the rate on corporate income, which under existing law, is taxed at the same rate as individual income.

Nevertheless, the manufacturer-business lobby quickly denounced Mayo's bill last week in a knee-jerk op-ed piece by Jay Moon, the Manufacturers Association spokesman.

Other nearby Southern states that Mississippi directly competes with (Louisiana, Arkansas, Alabama, South Carolina) already have a higher income tax bracket than the five percent this state.

Tennessee, often cited as having no individual income tax, in a desperate search for more state revenue last year enacted a state lottery after the Legislature deadlocked

over levying an individual income tax. The Volunteer state already has a 6 percent corporate income tax.

Beer drinkers under Mayo's bill would pay only about 2 cents more on a six-pack, whiskey drinkers about a nickel more per bottle of booze, smokers 30 cents more per pack of smokes and casinos 1 percent more (8 to 9) on their revenues to the state. He leaves the local tax rate at 4 percent.

Significantly, Mayo proposes no increase in the state's 7 cent sales tax, which with groceries taxed at the full rate makes ours among the highest state sales taxes in the nation.

Haley Barbour and the Senate leadership vociferously opposed anything that hints of a tax increase.

Only the House leadership, spearheaded by Democratic Speaker Billy McCoy of Rienzi has made a move to find some additional revenue sources to help plug the huge (\$350 to \$700 million) state budget gap.

McCoy's forces have opted for passing some \$17.5 million of user fee increases as part of an overall \$670 million education funding package that includes an upwardly revised state revenue estimate and even carves \$16 million from the allocation

for school supplies.

Even raising user fees has thus far gotten a thumbs down from the Republican Mississippi governor, despite the fact that, according to David Brunori of Tax Analysts, a national non-profit group, "virtually every state is raising all kinds of user fees."

Mayo's premise for his modest across-the-board tax hike plan, he puts this way: "The bottom line for the...no tax, people is that we can cut until there are no employees left...about a dozen people operating tape machines could teach all the high school students in the state."

He asks: "is this what we want? I don't think so."

Mayo is getting lots of quiet verbal support from fellow House members for his gutsy tax proposal, but the message seems to be: we can't do it yet, but it's going to happen soon, and then it's going to be a blockbuster.

In any case Mayo has started a Mississippi dialogue about raising some state taxes--currently a front-burner topic for practically every other state legislature in the country--and likely an interim legislative study committee will emerge.

The Clarksdale lawmaker bucked the anti-tax tide last year by getting re-

elected despite pledging to vote for a tax hike to prevent harmful cuts in services his constituents need.

Does it take courage now for him to propose such a tax hike? For an ex-soldier who once came only inches from having his head blown off in Vietnam, Mayo insists it doesn't.

But there aren't many John Mayos around anymore, not in the Mississippi Legislature.

Letter

take her home to get on the machine.

This unconcerned officer told him, "I don't have time."

He then proceeded to walk away. Luckily, there was a man standing next to us who had a spray in his hand. This very concerned, troubled and fearful husband walked up and asked the gentleman if he would let his wife take a couple of puffs off his spray--she is having a bad asthma attack. Fortunately, the gentleman walked over and handed her the spray. I know he took a chance in letting her use the spray, on the other hand, she took a big chance in using it, but I would say he is a hero; he saved her life.

Consequently, I am very sorry to say we all wanted to help, but we didn't know how to assist or administer help except to stay out of the way so she could get some air. I was always under the influence that police officers were hired to help people, not just give tickets for speeding or pass-

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ing up a stop sign.

Unfortunately, this officer appeared very unconcerned, unsympathetic as well as a callous individual.

You don't tell an asthmatic, "I don't have time," because time is working against

them. What would he have done if this lady were having a heart attack or having a baby?

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Hancock High School's Special Olympic basketball team under the direction of Charlene Popik, performed well in competition January 30, 2004 at the Long Beach Community Center and March 19, 2004 at Jeff Davis Community College. The 3 x 3 team finished 2nd and qualified for state competition. Six team members also finished 1st or 2nd in individual basketball skills and will compete at the state level in October. Members of the state qualifying team include: David Sones, Josh Sones, Tray Collier, Tony Chilimigas, Bradley Morrow, Matthey Pinter, Amanda Vaughn, Trey Frierson and Ashton Sutton.

Former constable pleads guilty to '03 DUI death

HATTIESBURG, Miss. (AP) — Former Forrest County constable Gretsch Howell pleaded guilty on Monday to causing his wife's death in a drunk driving accident last year.

Judge Breland Hilburn will sentence Gretsch Howell, 34, on May 10 on the DUI death charge in connection with the February 2003 accident that killed his wife, Gidget Nease Howell, 37.

The charge carries a

maximum sentence of 25 years in prison.

Howell is free on \$5,000 bond.

"We will recommend a substantial number of years for him to serve," said assistant state attorney general Lee Martin. "The facts and circumstances dictate that he is to serve some jail time."

Howell resigned last August. His term was to end Dec. 31 of last year.

The state's legal limit is .08.

as a constable since he was injured in the traffic accident.

A Mississippi Highway Patrol report determined that Howell, 33, was legally drunk when the accident occurred.

Martin said Howell had a blood alcohol rate of .14 percent on Feb. 16, 2003 when the car he was driving with his wife as a passenger crashed and killed her.

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TOPS 307 meets in Waveland

Take Off Pounds Sensible (TOPS) MS #307, Waveland, met Wednesday, March 24, 2004, at Triumphant Christian Church. 12 members were present. Rhonda was the weekly best loser with a loss of 3-3/4 lbs. Paula was the top KOPS. Rhonda received the incentive award.

New officers were installed as follows: Leader,

Mabel; Co-leader, Patricia; Treasurer, Paula; Weight Recorder, Rhonda; Secretary, Debbie. We wish them a very successful year.

Patricia graduated from Tops to Kops having met her goal. Congratulations!

We welcome back Jean from her long stay in Texas, she's been missed by all. Special thanks to Ann for coordinating the

installation of officers and the awards ceremony so nicely. The Chapter meets every Wednesday mornings at the Triumphant Church located at 1807 Waveland Ave., Waveland, MS. Weigh-ins are from 9:00-9:30 with the meeting to follow. Anyone interested in losing weight is welcome to visit the chapter. Call Mabel at 466-9847 for information.

TOPS MS 233 Tuesday meeting

TOPS, MS 233 met Tuesday, March 30, 2004 at the Waveland Methodist Church located on Central Avenue and Vacation Lane in Waveland, Ms.

TOPS best loser for the week was Denise with a loss of 2 3/4 lbs.

KOPS best loser for the week was Rose. Youth best loser for the week was Stephon with a loss of 1 1/2 lbs.

There were 13 members present. Gift was won by Rose. Incentive was won by Jeanette. Congratulations!

We had our installation of officers: Charlotte Leader, Debbie Co-Leader, Bev Treasurer, Denise Secretary and Jeanette Weight Recorder. Congratulations!

Interested persons are invited to call Charlotte at 467-5790.

Waveland Methodist Church. Weight-in is from 5:30pm with the meeting following.

Anyone interested in losing weight the sensible way and maintaining that weight loss is welcome to visit the TOPS MS 233 chapter.

This event is free and open to the public.

For more details and/or regular Mass times call the church office at 467-9275.

St. Clare Church Holy Week plans

Because of Day Light Savings, the Saturday Vigil Mass now begins at 5:00 P.M.

The Schedule for Holy Week is as follows:

Thursday, April 8th, 7:00 P.M. - Celebration of the Lord's Supper; Friday, April 9th, 3:00 P.M. - Stations of the Cross, 7:00 P.M. - Commemoration of the Passion of Our Lord; Saturday, April 10th, 7:30 P.M. - Easter Vigil Mass; Easter Sunday Masses will

be at 9:00 & 11:00 A.M.

"A Festival of Choral Classics 2004" will be presented by Gulf Coast Messiah Chorus on Sunday, April 18th at 3:00 P.M. in

the church.

This event is free and open to the public.

For more details and/or regular Mass times call the church office at 467-9275.

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The SBIR projects have a total value of approximately \$6 million and will be awarded to 10 small, high-technology firms in six states. The STTR projects have a total value of approximately \$9 million and will be awarded to 17 companies in 13 states.

The programs also seek to increase the use of small businesses, including women-owned and disadvantaged firms, to meet federal research and development needs, and to increase private sector commercialization of innovations derived from federally funded research. The STTR program includes partnerships with nonprofit research institutions.

TDTO will manage one SBIR proposal, "Improving Test Operations through Scalable Video Processing on Computer Clusters," written by Technological Services Co. of Clinton, Miss.

Additionally, TDTO will manage two STTR proposals, "Energy-Based Acoustic Measurement Techniques

for meeting NASA needs. Phase 2 continues development of the most promising Phase 1 projects.

Selection criteria include technical merit and innovation, Phase 1 results, value to NASA, commercial potential and company capabilities. Funding for Phase 2 contracts may be up to \$600,000 for a two-year performance period.

SBIR Phase 1 contractors submitted 251 Phase 2 SBIR proposals. The proposals were evaluated to determine they met SBIR Phase 1 objectives and are feasible research innovations for meeting NASA needs. Phase 2 continues development of the most promising Phase 1 projects.

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Peace Rosary planned at Our Lady of the Gulf

Our Lady of the Gulf's Parish Peace Rosary is set for Friday, April 2, at 7 p.m. The event will observe prayer for peace within families and the world.

The service will include the chaplet of Divine Mercy and readings from Sister Faustina's Diary, and also Our Lady's Rosary

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice to the Public that the Hancock County Planning Commission Meetings are being moved from 4:00 P.M. to 4:15 P.M. at the Zoning Office located at 151 Main St. Bay St. Louis, MS.

Mickey Lagasse
Hancock County
Building Official

Main Street United Methodist Church invites all for Holy Week

Holy Week services begin this Palm Sunday at Main St. United Methodist Church in Bay St. Louis at 11 a.m. with a special service featuring the children and Chancel Choir. Wednesday Night at 7 p.m., they present "Passion Story", a musical remembrance of Christ, followed by refreshments and an Easter display in the fellowship hall. Holy Communion will be Thursday at 7 p.m., and the Good Friday service on April 9 will be a drama titled "Haunted by the Cross". On April 11, the Praise Bells, Generations Choir, and Chancel Choir present a glorious celebration for Easter Sunday.

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DuPont -- emissions

Phil Bass, the director of MDEQ's Office of Pollution Control, said that though the company will face fines for the violations, the emissions were still below federal standards and posed no significant health risks. Bass said Wednesday that the violations were "technical violations" and stemmed mostly from the company asking for lower permit limits than they were able to meet. The company set strict standards and was unable to meet them, he said. Had company officials asked for higher limits, they could have gotten them, he said. In some cases, they were operating equipment without a permit that they would have been issued a permit for, if they had asked, he said.

Area environmentalists do not agree. Even if air emissions standards were set by DuPont itself, members of the Sierra Club say that DuPont employees or someone should have noticed before now that the permit limits were not being met on the 1989 permit.

"It turns out they didn't even have a clue about how much pollution they are putting out," said

Mississippi Co-Chair of the Sierra Club Rose Johnson. "So how can they justify saying their emissions going into the environment are not harming the environment or the people? They weren't even aware of how much they were polluting in the first place."

DuPont practices self-reporting, which means that it is responsible for reporting emissions to the appropriate agencies. Many area residents, like Nonni DeBardeleben, a member of Citizens to Protect Henderson Point and the Isles, question whether this is enough protection for the surrounding community.

"There are a lot of people who live in the Bay and Pass Christian who can see the plant from their homes and have had concerns for years," said DeBardeleben. "What is very disturbing is that the fox is guarding the hen house and I am referring to the self-monitoring practices. Who is watching out for the welfare of the people?"

DuPont officials confirmed that the MDEQ had cited the plant for air permit violations and that they had signed an Agreed Order

on the notice on Wednesday. The order outlined the deficiencies and specifics of the violations and cited a \$60,000 fine by the MDEQ.

Plant manager Pat Nichols cited technical errors in permit applications for construction and expansion projects in 1989 and 1998.

"These technical errors occurred when the plant used the wrong emission factors in requesting permits," said Nichols. "They were not the result of any mis-reporting or misrepresentation of emissions and were promptly communicated to MDEQ. DuPont deeply regrets these errors ...".

The hearing in May will be looking at a retroactive permit which will basically legalize the over permitted emissions by changing the permit limits, and at another permit that requests an increase in air emissions permitted to increase production by 16 percent. Toby Cook, with the state Pollution Control Office, said that the increased production will result in an increase in air emissions. A release by the Sierra Club states that the increased production will not result in

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The Corps of Engineers and the Department of Environmental Quality have made the decision to hold a public hearing on another issue that has brought recent public outcry—the filling of 32 acres of wetland for the expansion of waste disposal operations at the plant. Bass said they hope to make it a joint hearing with the two agencies sometime in June. Bass also said the company is looking at another public hearing on other air emissions issues soon after that.

Found -- missing kids

officers responded "immediately" to the call and in force. Also responding to the scene were volunteer firefighters, emergency personnel from American Medical Response and a number of private citizens who helped in the search, Hurt said.

Garber said that Monday was apparently a day for missing children all over Mississippi. "At 1 a.m. Monday, I received a telephone call from the Oktibbeha County Sheriff's Department wanting to know if we had a helicopter because that department was searching for a three-year-old boy. I referred them to Harrison County as they have a helicopter."

"Following that call, I couldn't go back to sleep because I recalled our incident last year when we lost two young boys in a canal."

The Shoreline Park incident ended happily—and quickly—when a neighbor who was more than a mile

away from where the children lived, called the sheriff's office at around 9 a.m. to report that she had seen the boy and girl in their underclothes, playing unsupervised along a canal.

"She brought them in her house and called our office," Hurt said.

The mother told officers she was asleep when the children left the house.

"For the distance the kids were away from their home, they had to have been gone for quite awhile," Hurt said.

Both Garber and Hurt stressed the fact that parents of young children need to be attentive at all times.

Both recommend the installation of proper locks on doors and gates when young children are around.

"Shoreline Park has a large number of canals and youngsters seem to like water," Garber said. "If a person lives on a canal, they need a fence separating it from their property. Also,

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there is a need for proper locks on the gates."

"Parents need to supervise their children," Hurt said. "I'm very glad everything turned out okay this time."

"We are here to protect and assist all citizens," Garber said. "Officers are on duty 24-hours-a-day, as that is our job. Our telephone numbers are, 228-467-5101, and 601-798-8555."

Garber said there was also good news for the parents of the missing boy in Oktibbeha County. He was found Monday evening about a mile from his home, according to reports.

Cocaine

sale of a controlled substance, (crack cocaine)," a report from Bay Chief Frank McNeil and Waveland Chief Jimmy Varnell.

Bradley, already out on bond from an earlier charge of strong-armed robbery, fled when officers informed him they had a warrant for his arrest. A short foot pursuit occurred after which NTF Agent Ian Estorffe apprehended him, police said.

The case is being handled by the Bay/Waveland Narcotics Task Force. Bradley's original bond on

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the previous charge has been revoked. The report said there are other charges pending against Bradley too.

Also assisting in the case were Lt. Tom Burleson and Detective Joseph Kepfer of the Bay St. Louis Police Department.

Anyone with information regarding illegal narcotics activities can call the Bay/Waveland Drug Task Force at 228-467-5NTF (5683), or you may call either the Bay St. Louis or Waveland Police Department for assistance.

Antoine

istered voters. The petition must be turned into the city clerk, Vicki Goff, at City Hall 10 days before the election.

Goff said a newly elected alderman would complete Antoine's term, which ends in July 2005.

During a meeting on Aug.

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6, 2003, the board first accepted a resignation from Antoine, who said he was leaving the board because he had moved out of his district. On Sept. 16, Antoine temporarily retracted his resignation, which would have been effective on Sept. 30 of that year.

Republican Women meet today

THE SEA COAST ECHO
The next regular meeting of the Hancock County Republican Women's Club will be held at 11 a.m. today, April 1, at the Diamondhead Country Club.

Guest of honor and guest speaker will be Brenda Wood, two-term president of the Mississippi Federation of Republican Women and one-term second vice president of the National Federation of Republican

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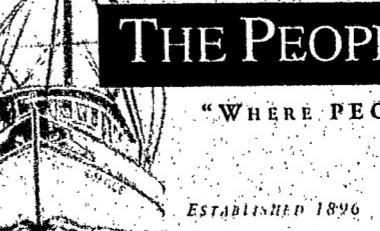
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MARY ARNOLD

Mary Drew Arnold joined her heavenly Father in paradise on March 28, 2004.

Mary was born Sept. 11, 1923, and raised in Bay St. Louis. She was crowned Miss Bay St. Louis in the 1940s and later was elected Miss Hospitality in the Miss Mississippi Pageant. Mary graduated from St. Joseph's Academy in Bay St. Louis. She then attended college, became a Licensed Practical Nurse, and pursued her career at Memorial Hospital in Gulfport. After 25 years of hard work in the E.R., Mary retired. She was a member of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church in Biloxi.

Mary was preceded in death by her father and mother, Clementine Kackler; her two brothers, Raymond and Guy Drew; her husband, James Arnold; her granddaughter, Lisa Lash and her son-in-law, Dr. Richard Buckley.

She is survived by her daughters, Jamie Buckley and Prudence Arnold; her four grandchildren, Mark Brown, Eric Buckley, Rebekah Howard and Rachel Buckley; and one great-grandchild, Mia Howard.

The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 1, at Riemann Memorial Funeral Home, 274 Beauvoir Road, Biloxi, where friends may call after 1 p.m.

CARLOS AVRARD

Mr. Carlos T. Avrard, age 55 and a resident of Bay St. Louis, died Monday, March 29, 2004 in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Avrard was a native of New Orleans and a resident of Bay St. Louis for the past 12 years. He was a veteran, serving in the U.S. Air Force. He was an Electronic Tech with Triton Industries.

He was preceded in death by his father, Carlos Theodore Avrard.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Avrard of Bay St. Louis; his mother, Rita Rodriguez of Jefferson, La.; his sons, Carlos Thane Avrard of Muskegon, Mich., and Robert Theodore Avrard of Bay St. Louis; his daughters, Celly Angelique Avrard of Little Rock, Ark., and Kimberly Lynn Avrard of

Bay St. Louis; his brother, David Keith Avrard of Metairie, La.; and five grandchildren, Shane Carlos, James, Hope Gabriella, Jasmine Angelle and Tristan Samuel.

Visitation was held Tuesday, March 30, at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. Burial will be at a later date in the Gulf Coast Memorial Cemetery and Mausoleum in Bay St. Louis.

Services will be held at a later date.

Picayune Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

VIRDLEA MEVIUS

Virdlea Cuevas Mevius, 88, formerly of Pass Christian, passed away March 27, 2004, in Las Vegas, Nev., where she resided for the past four years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Joseph (Shaggy) Mevius and by her son, Murdock Mevius.

She is survived by her son Arthur H. (Bobby) Mevius of Las Vegas and her daughter-in-law, Della Lizana Mevius of Long Beach. She is also survived by six grandchildren, Donna Mevius West of Friendswood, Texas; Kathy Mevius of Las Vegas; Julie Mevius Gay of Gulfport; Joe Mevius of Waynesboro, Ga.; Steve Mevius and Sharon Mevius Groesbeck, also of Las Vegas. She is also survived by seven great-grandchildren.

Services were held at Davis Funeral Home on Eastern Street in Las Vegas on March 30.

RUTH JO OSBURN

Ruth Jo Osburn, 96, of Picayune, MS died Tuesday, March 30, 2004 in Picayune, MS.

Visitation will be Thursday, April 1, from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis. The Mass of Christian burial will be at 11 a.m. Interment will follow in Garden of Memory Cemetery in Bay St. Louis. Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of the arrangements.

RODNEY HARVEY
 Rodney Eugene Harvey, 59, of Picayune, MS died Saturday, March 27, 2004 in Picayune, MS.

He was a native of Fort Worth, TX. He was a self employed as a Taxi.

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church's location at 141 Main Street, Bay St. Louis on Sunday, April 4.

On Good Friday, April 9, 2004, and Saturday, April 10, 2004, there will be a dramatic presentation of the Crucifixion. Both presentations will begin shortly after sunset each day.

On April 11, 2004 the Easter Sunday schedule will begin with a county wide sunrise service sponsored by the Hancock County Ministerial Alliance on the front lawn of First Baptist Church of Bay St. Louis. Part of this serv-

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BUSINESS NEWS

HMC employees honored at annual service Banquet

Hancock Medical Center celebrated the tenure of more than 50 employees during an annual awards banquet at Casino Magic's Cypress Cove Ballroom recently.

Administrator Hal W. Leftwich, DBA, FACHE, commended the group for their dedication and service.

Hospital board President William A. Tate, III, Treasurer Dusty Rhodes and board members Gerard

Boos and Bryon Griffith helped distribute pins.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Employee of the Year Award to housekeeper Sandra Johnson.



TEN YEARS

Seated from left are Terry Thurman, Vickie Melindl, Betty Hudson and Pam DelGiorgio. Standing are David Mayfield, Sandy Rutherford, Julie Cook, Nicole Iris, Libby Pitre, Rob Comprenna, Bonnie Byars, Howard Thornton and Lora Serpas. Not pictured is Barbara Boston



FIVE YEARS

Seated from left are Patty Fielder, Ricky Badon and Anna Marie Smith. Standing are Jimmy Lamy, Deloris Dorsey, Michelle Ladner, Susan Mumme, Danny Davis, Dianne Ladner, Rose Brooks, Brooke Fisher, Chris Crittenden and Bill Kelley. Not pictured are Debbie Aaron, Sharon Antolie, Margaret Barnum, Dorothy Becker, Randy Conery, Desiree Cook, Lucille Freret, Julie Joyce, Leslie Jordan, Mary Ann McBride, Debra McGregor-Rucker, Patricia Mondy, Don Morgan, Kim Nguyen, Yvette Ortego, Ella Mae Penton, Susan Riehle, Michael Scheld, Jamie Stanford and Louise Watson.

GMP's Terry Hines Smith recognized with PRAM award

Terry Hines Smith, APR, public affairs specialist for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Gulf of Mexico Program, located at Stennis Space Center, Miss., was recognized by the Public Relations Association of Mississippi (PRAM) with the organization's top honor – the Professional Achievement Award – during the state conference held March 25-26, in Jackson.

Each of the nine PRAM chapters may submit a nominee for the award that recognizes professionalism and efforts to enhance the role of the public relations practitioner. Smith, a member of the Mississippi Beach Chapter of PRAM, was submitted to the statewide competition by her chapter after being selected for their highest honor – the Rex E. Kelly Professional Achievement Award. She is the fourth Mississippi

Beach Chapter member in a row to receive the state honor.

"There are so many great public relations professionals in the state of Mississippi, and I'm truly honored to have been chosen for this award," said Smith. "I'm joining an elite group of Mississippi professionals and hope I live up to their standards."

Smith, who currently serves as PRAM's vice president of programs at the state level, graduated from Auburn University at Montgomery with a degree in Communication. She is an honor graduate of the Public Affairs Officer

Course at the Defense Information School, and an in-residence graduate of the Air Force's Squadron

Officer School. Smith has served the United States government for 24 years, primarily with the Air Force and EPA.

She joined the Gulf of Mexico Program in 1997.

Her responsibilities include media relations, community relations, and internal information for an organization with an approach to environmental protection that emphasizes community-based, ecosystem management. The Program facilitates the protection and restoration of the coastal marine waters of the Gulf of Mexico and its coastal natural habitats, and seeks to sustain living resources.

Smith also received two Awards of Excellence during the PRISM Awards Ceremony at the conference for Gulf of Mexico Program communications efforts. The PRISM Awards contest recognizes public relations excellence in the state of Mississippi. Nearly 170 PRISM entries were received statewide and judged by a public relations professionals outside of Mississippi.

Smith lives in Pass Christian, with her husband James and her mother, Mildred Weston. Her father, Richard Hines, and her son, Scott Monson, reside in Montgomery, Ala.



TERRY HINES SMITH

Joseph Kelly, attorney at law, wishes to welcome back Donna C. Ladner, loan closing specialist to the professional staff of Southern Title Company.

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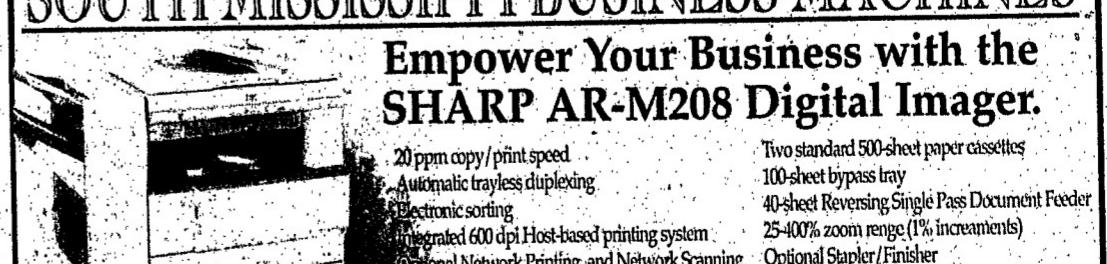
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The Lutheran Church of the Pines at Waveland.

Lutherans have 'growing pains'

THE SEA COAST ECHO

Pastor John Ellerman came out of retirement seven years ago to "give a Christian burial" to the Lutheran Church of the Pines. Under his leadership as interim pastor, instead of the church dying it is now filled to capacity in the sanctuary, in the educational building and in the parking lots.

In January three tasks forces were organized to plan for future growth. Fred Breland headed the group that studied expansion of buildings and parking facilities. Terry Guenard headed the group studying aging and its impact on future church growth. The third committee was headed by Pastor Gary Faith, the executive Director of Missions

for the southern district of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. They studied the possibility of employing a full time pastor, the possibility of an additional worship service to proceed the Sunday School hour, and the adding of additional staff members.

All groups reported back at a special called session March 13 to give their reports and receive input from each other. At this meeting a secondary task force was appointed to study the possibility of adding a second Sunday morning worship service. It was commonly agreed that this might solve the immediate growing pains, while giving more time to expand the sanctuary and add new educational space.

Dale Kohlman agreed to lead this task force. He and his committee will poll the congregation as to who would attend the early service.

Arrangements would have to provide for a second organist. Who would lead the service, would it be a traditional or a "contemporary" style of worship?

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THE LUMBERYARD ARTS CENTER, April 2, 3, 4

This weekend seminar will present self promotional marketing skills for artists and crafts persons. In a series of intensive classes, students will receive professional guidance from instructors of graphic arts, accounting, education, and media.

In addition to classes, students will participate in a group discussion with instructors on the value of art promotion and a critique of current portfolios and promotional materials. On Saturday evening, an after-hours program lets participants experience the other side of the selection process by assuming the role of the juror in a simulated exhibit jury process.

Cost of the weekend seminar is \$150 which includes all workshops, events, and lunch both days. Seating is limited.

Applications and information:

The Lumberyard Arts Center
299 S. Second Street
Bay St. Louis,
Mississippi 39520
228-467-8318.

Schedule of Classes and Events:
Friday, April 2

Early Registration and Welcoming Reception
Group Discussion
The Value of Art and Art Promotion

Saturday, April 3
Portfolio Strategies
Prepare your Portfolio and Choose your Market

Robin Cole, Associate Professor of Art, Delgado Community College
Media Promotion
Deal with the Media and Prepare a Press Release

Michael Ramsey, News Editor, The Times-Picayune
Photography for Artists - Take Slides and Photos of Your Artwork
Vicki Niolet, Director, Lumberyard Arts Center

After-hours Event
You Be the Judge The Jury Process from a New Perspective

A simulated jury process where you make the decisions

Sunday, April 4
Effective Marketing Materials

Present Yourself and Your Work through Promotional Materials

Elizabeth Schaefer, Professional Artist and Graphic Illustrator

Artful Finance: Deal with the Financial and Tax Implications of Your Business of Art

Rachael Ramsey, former Vice President of Hibernia Corporation

Gulf Coast Chili Cook Off

The Mental Health Association, a non-profit organization in South Mississippi, will hold the 4th annual Gulf Coast Chili Cook off on Saturday, April 17th on the Biloxi Town Green from 11:30 am - 4:00 pm. Amateur teams may enter the contest for \$100. Corporate sponsorships are available for \$250 and \$400. There will be a cash award for best overall chili.

A panel of five celebrity judges will rate the entrants based upon taste, texture, aroma, consistency and originality.

Other prizes will be awarded for Best of Show, Team Spirit, and the People's Choice award for best chili.

Admission will be \$5. Children under three are admitted for free. For more information, please contact Brandi Hall Clarke at 228-669-8876.

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New Bay police officers in training

THE SEA COAST ECHO

Bay PD Chief Frank McNeil has announced that three new Bay Saint Louis officers are in the process of completing their training to fully join the Bay Saint Louis Police Department. One is an experienced officer and two are new recruits.

Graduating from the Mississippi Police Academy Refresher Class on April 1 will be Patricia deNardo a former St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Deputy and New Orleans Causeway police woman with eight years experience in law enforcement.

New recruits Charles Shubert and Christa Bennett are attending basic certification classes at the Southern Regional Public

Safety Institute on the campus of USM Gulf Park. Both successfully completed rigorous testing and background checks before being accepted by the department.

The Board of Minimum Standards, State of Mississippi, designs physical agility tests for recruits and Bay Saint Louis PD sets a higher pass rate than that expected by the state. The written exam is prepared by a professional testing firm from Illinois, and once again applicants must pass by a higher than recommended score. Persons interested in a local law enforcement career may request an application on Tuesday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Bay Saint Louis Police Department, 310 Old Spanish Trail.

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BY WILLIAMS
Pass Christian

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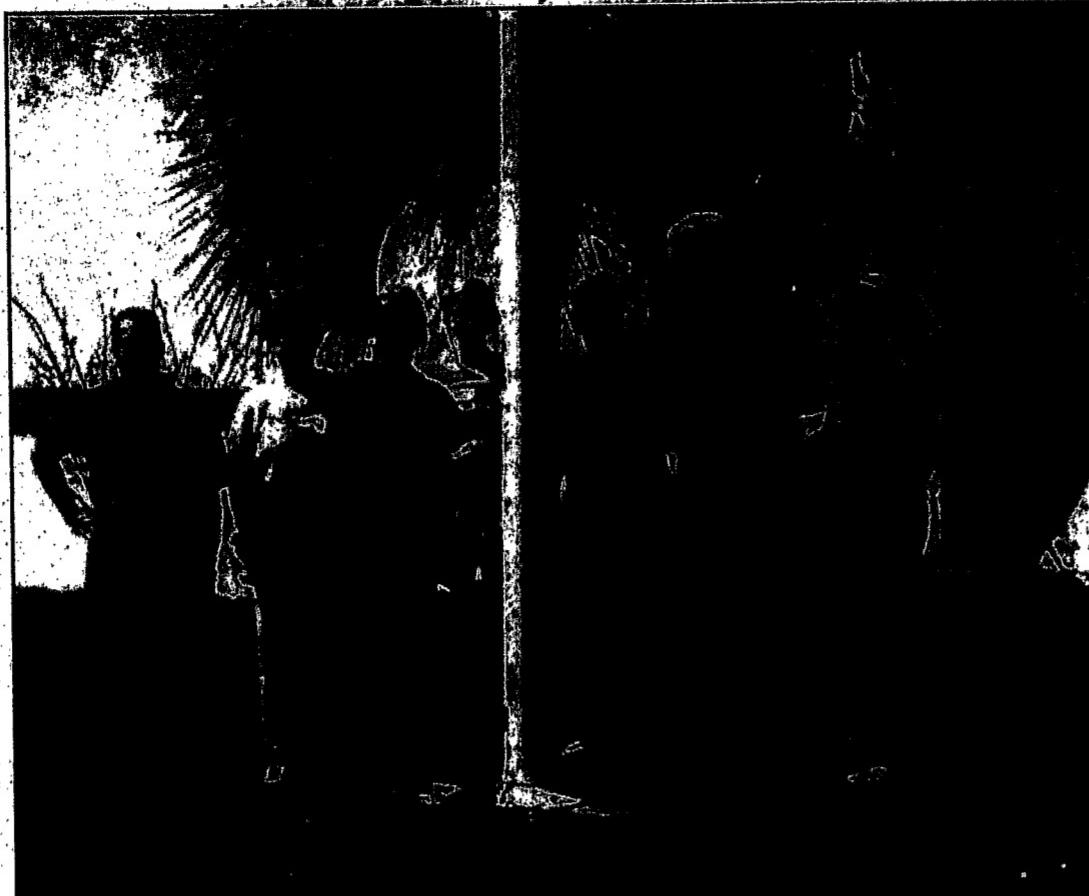
Pass Youth Leadership Program

BY WILMA RIZZARDI
Pass Christian Chamber
of Commerce

The Pass Christian Youth Leadership/Gulf Coast, under the direction of Connie Jenkins, is a Program of leadership development for ninth grade students from Pass Christian, Mississippi.

This program is under the direction of the Pass Christian Chamber of Commerce and alumni of Leadership Gulf Coast. The purpose of Pass Christian Junior Leadership is to produce students of outstanding character who are sensitive to the needs of the community and prepared to contribute to society.

Participation is open to ninth grade students who reside within the Pass Christian city limits or attend Pass Christian High School, with applications accepted from students who attend private, public, parochial or home schools. This year, two of our stu-



Long Beach as well. The Christian High School, City Hall in Pass Christian, and the Pass Christian Chamber of Commerce. The sessions were held at Pass

Christian Yacht Club.

This year's students are: Cassandra Brown, Krista Clarke, Tarah Cotton, Carolan Crowder, Brooke Jones, Stevi Keller, Nicole McCord, Kara Moore, and Leah Tucker. Assisting Ms. Jenkins this year are Beverly Danielson, Prasant Desai, Charles Leggett and Donald Moore.

The students were asked to participate in a community service project, and chose to landscape the Liberty Garden around the Jim and Ada Winchester Memorial Flagpole at the Pass Christian Chamber of Commerce. With the assistance of Leah Tucker's step-father, Jeffrey Taylor of "Taylor Made Landscape Service", a beautiful garden was created.

Prenatal classes offered at HMC

Expectant parents and their guests are invited to attend a free series of childbirth classes sponsored by Hancock Medical Center.

Preparation for the birthing experience, including anesthesia options and stages of labor, will be the focus of classes May 6, 13 and 20 from 7 until 8:30 p.m. in the HMC Business and Education Complex.

Further instruction focuses on nutrition, physical changes during pregnancy and preparation for breastfeeding. Breathing relaxation techniques and alternatives for labor management are also taught. The classes culminate with a segment on infant care.

Breastfeeding instruction and support is offered for new mothers who plan to breastfeed. The next class will be Thursday, May 27.

Registration is required by calling 467-9282.

RESTAURANT REVIEW

Presenting some of the Finest Restaurants on the Mississippi Gulf Coast

Rickey's Bar & Grill

Celebrates 5 Years!

Chef Rickey Peters invites you to experience Rickey's Bar and Grill, 207 Coleman Avenue, Waveland. Chef Rickey is a protege of Chef Paul Prudhomme. An artisan in his trade for 19 years, Chef Rickey is proud to offer original dishes to please your palate.

Rickey's Bar and Grill serves everything from steaks, pasta dishes, po-boys, and of course, seafood. Chef Rickey doesn't want his patrons to leave hungry. For example, the Swamp Burger Deluxe (you'll need to cut this one in half just to fit it) is a full ten ounces of deliciously lean ground beef served fully dressed on a sesame seeded bun, with fries! If you dare, try topping it with bacon, monterey jack, cheddar, swiss cheese, sauteed mushrooms or onions. Truly, not for the tiny appetites!

Speaking of tiny appetites, Rickey's is family oriented. Kids have their own section on the menu and each child is given a little stuffed toy - a dolphin, naturally.

A very popular item on the menu is country fried gator strips. This unique appetizer is fresh gator meat lightly fried and served with a tangy remoulade sauce. While we're on the subject of remoulade - Rickey's has the best shrimp remoulade. You won't believe the size of the portion, it's a meal all by itself!

Rickey's steaks are melt in your mouth delicious, chargrilled to perfection, and topped with Rickey's own brown butter garlic (you won't find a better steak anywhere!).

If pasta suits your fancy try the Pasta Calina. This is a favorite at Rickey's - the sauce is his grandmother's own red gravy recipe. Tender, delicious

meatballs slow simmered in "the sauce" with buttered angelhair pasta and topped with crispy fried eggplant and dusted with parmesan reggiano.

Chef Ricky is pleased to introduce 12 new menu items. Try the new appetizer, Smoked Duck Quesadilla or Oysters LeRuth, oysters and artichokes in cream sauce served over deep fried portobello mushrooms. One of the many new main dishes is Eggplant Lasagna Luzzianne, layered fried eggplant stuffed with shrimp, chicken, Italian sausage, ground beef, provolone cheese and topped with tomato alfredo sauce. The Lamb Chops Tchoupitoulas is deep fried chops served with mushrooms, Tasso, Italian sausage, green onions and crawfish in a cajun cream sauce over angel hair pasta. There are many more new items on the menu including the Italian Sausage Po-boy and the Smoked Beef Brisket Sandwich. Visit Rickey's often to try them all!

As they celebrate their 5th anniversary Chef Rickey gives much credit to partner Bill Boyd and to Pat Bain, bar manager, Robin Stroud wait staff manager, Sous Chef, Mike Rayburn, Claudio Russo, pastry chef, and especially to our wonderful and loyal customers. "We could not do this without them," says Rickey.

Rickey's lunch specials, served 11-3 daily, start at only \$5.95. Monday night's special is tender baby-back ribs. Hungry yet?

Rickey's Bar and Grill is open Monday-Thursday 11 a.m. - 9 p.m. and Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. - 10 p.m. For more information call 463-0540

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'Community Ties'



Pictured in foreground is Jonathan Artigues, the son of attorney Ronnie Artigues. Also pictured are Boys and Girls Club representatives Bruce Marie and Lora Mederos. Pictured in back are Hancock County Supervisors Steve Seymour, Rocky Pullman, David Yarborough, Jay Cuevas and Lisa Coward.

THE SEA COAST ECHO

Bruce Marie and Lora Mederos, representatives of the Boys and Girls Club, recently presented ties and a scarf to Hancock County Supervisors in an effort to "strengthen community ties" in recognition of Boys and Girls Club Week, which began March 28 and will conclude on

April 3.

Marie, a member of the corporate board of the club, and Mederos, the board secretary for the club's Hancock County unit, asked the supervisors to wear their gifts on March 31 to show their support for the children on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

National Boys and Girls

Club Week is a week set aside to celebrate the impact of the club in the lives of children. The club opens its doors every day after school to provide a safe place for children to learn and grow.

The Hancock County unit currently serves 140 children, Mederos said, and is expected to serve 200 children this summer.

Applications for Magnolia Girls State now available

Applications are being taken for The American Legion Auxiliary Magnolia Girls State. Girls in their Junior Year now are eligible to attend. Girls State will be held on the campus of the University of Southern Mississippi from June 5 through June 11.

Clement R. Bontemps Unit 139 will sponsor 8 girls this year. The Auxiliary will pay all of your expenses and you will receive two Girls State T-Shirts free. Lou Wilkerson is the unit chairman and has the applications available at this time. She can be contacted at 228-467-6098 and if she is not there you can leave a message.

The Girls State program is a learning by doing program and those who attend will form a mythical state. They will all run for an elected position and once elected they will learn about the position they hold. The delegates will also have an

opportunity to compete for many scholarships. The delegate elected Governor of Girls State will receive the \$2,500 Frances Hale-Bond Scholarship. There will also be five other scholarships given out this year.

Two of the Girls State Delegates will be chosen to attend Girls Nation in Washington D.C. at no cost to the delegates, their expenses will be paid by the Auxiliary. While there they will get a chance to learn about federal government and they will meet with the President. The delegate elected Girls Nation president will also receive a scholarship and she will speak to the National Convention of the American Legion Auxiliary in Nashville, Tennessee, in August.

If you are a junior in high school and are interested in attending, contact Mrs. Wilkerson or any member of Unit 139.

DMR begins sales for commercial licenses

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (DMR) will begin selling 2004-2005 commercial fishing licenses April 1. Current licenses expire April 30, 2004. Annual commercial licenses are valid from May 1 to April 30 of the following year. All recreational licenses (including oyster, crab, shrimp, fish and charter boats) expire June 30, 2004.

Shrimp captains and alternate captains must provide date of birth to obtain a license.

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For more information, contact DMR Licensing at (228) 374-5022, ext. 5013, or ext. 5100.

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Visit online at www.dmr.state.ms.us.

StenniSphere Astro Camp Saturday to explore Rocketry

What better way for children to have fun and keep learning during Spring Break than to go on a space mission? StenniSphere's next Astro Camp Saturday, themed "Rocketry 101," blasts off April 17. In this session of the popular space camp, children ages 9-12 will learn what makes rockets fly as they build and launch a model rocket.

"Astro Camp crewmembers will design, build and test a rocket based on the principles that would be used

to build a rocket suitable for returning astronauts to the Moon, traveling to Mars and beyond," said Maria Lott, Astro Camp Saturday director. "Campers will explore the principles of space travel - how far away the Moon and Mars are, how long it would take to get there, what supplies they would need and how to survive in the environment of space."

The camp takes place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at StenniSphere, the visitor center at NASA Stennis Space Center, America's

largest rocket test complex. The cost is \$50 and includes lunch in the Rocketeria and all supplies. Campers begin their mission at the Launch Pad, located at the Hancock County Welcome Center, I-10, Exit 2.

Space is limited to the first 25 applicants. To register, or for more information, call 1-800-237-1821 or (228) 688-2370 or visit www.ssc.nasa.gov/public/visitors and click on the Astro Camp Saturday link.



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BY NORMAN WINTER
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Incredible things are happening in the world of the tropical hibiscus when it comes to new colors. There are many new varieties, so remember check your garden center this spring.

Two of the newest to capture my heart are Acadian Spring and Sun Showers. Acadian Spring has huge blossoms with hints of pink, cream, and lilac, and Sun Showers is indeed like a solar flare on the sun with orange, red and white.

When you look at a tropical hibiscus blooming on your deck or patio, it is not hard to conjure up visions of the Caribbean and the sounds of a steel band. It's funny how plants can mentally take us to places our budget or time won't allow.

With about 265 days of frost-free weather each year, our backyards can resemble the exotic look of the islands. All over the state, nurseries and garden centers have unloaded trucks of the tropical hibiscus known botanically as Hibiscus rosa-sinensis.

This hibiscus originated in China and is kin to our well-known cotton and okra plants. Today there are hundreds of varieties available in most colors you could want other than blue.

The flowers are spectacular with bright oranges, yellows, reds, pinks, whites and blends of these colors. Some even have double blossoms. The dark green foliage is handsome and contrasts nicely with the beautiful flowers. The flowers generally stay open only for a day but are produced for months.

Think about how you can use them in the landscape. Nothing can be more exotic than a large banana plant growing behind one of these shrubs. Or plant a yellow allamanda on a trellis behind some red, single-flowered hibiscus.

Hibiscus belong in the landscape whether combined with bananas, cannae or some other tropical plant. The requirements are much like any other annual we grow. Plant your hibiscus in well-drained, well-prepared beds because they absolutely cannot take wet feet. Use a good layer of mulch to keep the soil evenly moist throughout the season.

Choose a site with plenty of sunlight. Morning sun and filtered afternoon light are just about perfect in our

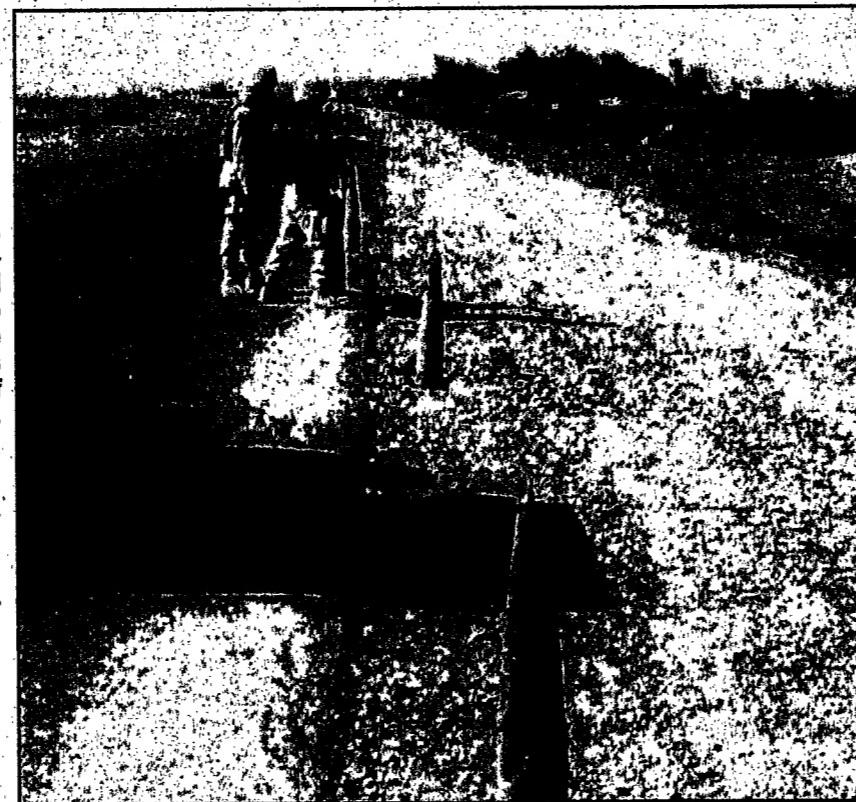
Back from Iraq

'One weekend a month' turned into more than a year



Sgt. Jerry Daniels outside one of the bunkers at Camp War Horse in Baqubah, Iraq. Tents were placed near the bunkers in case of attack.

Bombs along the roadside were apparently a common site in Iraq. Daniel's unit performed raids to seize stockpiles of weapons.



There were thousands and thousands of people lining the roadways ... some cheered; some didn't; some just sat there ... I was a little nervous not knowing who was who.

Sgt. Jerry Daniels

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

For the thirteen months he was stationed in Baqubah, Iraq, local Army National Guard member Sgt. Jerry Daniels figured he would never see his South Mississippi home again. Daniels spent many days running this way and that, he said, to avoid constant mortar attacks and bombings.

"Getting bombed, the heat and the constant mortar attacks was unbelievable,"

Daniels said. "It was hell and it felt like I was never coming home ... I didn't think I would ever see Mississippi again, I really didn't."

But Daniels did come home, thirteen and a half months after he was deployed and arrived back in Mississippi in early March. An eight year veteran with the Army National Guard when he went to Iraq, Daniels still has about two and a half years to serve on his current tour of duty. It is possible that he could receive orders to

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Shoultz returns to Bay FD after service in SW Asia

BY MIKE CUEVAS

Bay Saint Louis Firefighter Rusty Shoultz has returned to his duties at the Bay Saint Louis Fire Department. Shoultz, a member of the United States Coast Guard Port Security Unit 308, based in Gulfport, has returned from eight months active duty in southwest Asia.

Shoultz's unit provided anti-terrorism force protection, secured shipping lanes, ports and harbors and provided convoy

security. The unit has a number of firefighters and police officers from Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama and Florida.

While serving Shoultz was promoted to E6 and served as the Assistant Squad Leader for land-side security. He received the Coast Guard Achievement Medal, two letters of commendation and two meritorious action awards. When asked about his experiences Shoultz said, "Our living conditions were primitive, but no worse than any other unit, and we didn't have Mom's home cooked

meals. Everything was dust covered and beige, it was almost like the movie Pleasantville, opening in black and white and closing in full color. That was what it was like coming home - so much green! What a welcome site these lush green trees of Mississippi were."

"Both my firefighting and emergency room nursing careers prepared me to make decisions under stressful and arduous circumstances and I am grateful I took this experience with me," he concluded.

Shoultz said that he was very grateful for the letters and food packages that his grandmother, Bennie Daily, mother, Linda Shoultz sent regularly. "My sister, Brooke, an attorney from Boston, took a lot of time away from her work to keep up a running correspondence and my girlfriend, Michelle Partridge, always had a letter or package coming to me." One of the best gifts he received were the packages of sausages, crackers and cheese that he and

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Sports

Poplarville & Vancleave reign supreme at Bay Invitational

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II

Staff Writer

The Poplarville boys track team held off a hard-charging St. Stanislaus team while the Vancleave girls team cruised to a victory in the Bay High Invitational track meet on Wednesday, March 24th.

The Hornets claimed a narrow victory with 96 points to SSC's 92 points. The final event, the 1600m relay, determined the outcome of the meet. In third place was Pearl River Central with 71 points followed by Vancleave 68, D'Iberville 41, Hancock 39, Pass Christian 30, and Bay High with 27 points.

On the girls side, Vancleave racked up 110 points to runner-up Poplarville's 94 points. D'Iberville took third place with 67 points followed by OLA 54, Bay High 51, and Hancock with 38 points.

Several area athletes

placed in the top three in their events at the meet. In the boys division, six first place finishes were recorded by St. Stanislaus. Sam Hudgens was the lone double-winner taking top honors in the 110m high hurdles and the 300m intermediate hurdles. Kyle Lewis won the 800m run while Bobby Nilson and Troy Johnston won the 1600m run and the 3200m meter run, respectively.

The 1600m relay team of Beau Brodtmann, Josh Robinson, Zack Delaney and Sam Hudgens crossed the line in first place in the final event; however, it wasn't enough as Poplarville placed second to keep the difference in the point standings.

Brodtmann also placed second in the 400m dash while Nick Weinmann took third in the shotput. The SSC 800m relay team placed sec-

ond overall. Mark Fairley of Hancock placed second in the 10m high hurdles while Myron Fairley was third in the 100m dash. Matt Rayborn of Hancock placed second in the discus and Paul Verdin took third in the 400m dash.

Roscoe Forch of Pass Christian placed second in the triple jump while the Pirates' 1600m relay team took third.

Jacob Fauntry of Bay High placed second in the 3200m run while Greg Lamier was third in the 200m dash. Brian Adams placed third in the 1600m run.

On the girls side, the area athletes combined for three first place finishes. Hancock's Erica Moran won the discus and placed third in the shotput. Hannah Spence of Bay High won the 1600m run as a seventh grader. Jennifer Asper of

OLA won the 3200m run. Several second and third place finishes were recorded, as well. Dominique Dedeaux of Pass Christian placed second in the shotput. Bay High's 400m and 800m relay teams both placed third in their events.

Darlene Lee took second in the 100m and 200m dashes. Crystal Skratch placed third in the 400m dash behind OLA's Margaret Rittner who placed second.

Lindsey Benvenuti placed third in the 800m run while Hancock's Starrlyn Favre placed third in both the 100m low hurdles and the 300m low hurdles. Crescents' distance runner Mandy Donlin placed third in the 1600m run while the relay team of Rittner, Olivia Hoff, Emily Hoff and Caroline Boelte placed second in the 1600m relay.

SSC is 8th in Nokia Sugar Bowl meet; Boyet sweeps Jr Rock relays

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II

Staff Writer

The St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws varsity track and field team competed in the Nokia Sugar Bowl Meet held at Tad Gormley Stadium in City Park in New Orleans on March 26-27. The team placed 8th out of 104 teams in the boys division scoring 23 points. The Rocks were led by Kyle Lewis, Nick Weinmann and Sam Hudgens.

Only 37 teams scored points in the meet that featured schools from all over the Southeast - Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas, Tennessee, Alabama, and Florida. SSC was the lone squad from the Magnolia state. Ruston was the boys division winner with 87 points.

SSC head track coach Steve Flannery stated, "I am very pleased and proud of the team's performance. With about 50-80 athletes in each event, it is not that easy to score a point."

Lewis set two new school records at the meet. In the 1600m run, Lewis broke his own record with a time of 4:24.43.

He also set a new mark in the 3200m run with a time of 9:33.77. Lewis placed fourth overall in the 1600m and second in the 3200m.

Jeremiah Morgan of SSC was a double-winner in the pole vault and the 400m dash. He won the pole vault with a height of 9'9" and the

400m dash with a time of 1:01.46. Connor Smith of SSC placed second in the pole vault with a height of 9'9".

Smith also placed second in the 800m run with a time of 2:38.00 followed by team-

mate Javier Gutierrez in third in 2:40.00.

The SSC relay team of Morgan, Pablo Puga, Luke Frank and Connor Smith placed third overall in the 1600m relay with a time of 4:27.47.

Bay High wins 8th straight in tennis

THE SEA COAST ECHO

The undefeated Bay High Tigers downed the Vancleave Bulldogs 4-1 in tennis Monday.

The team is 8-0 on the season.

In boys singles, Marquez Singleton won 6-0, 6-0; in girls singles, Lisa Schroeter

prevailed 6-4, 6-4; Jared Dunklin and Jason Sims won in boys doubles, 6-2, 6-3; in girls doubles, Eva Iglesias and Hannah Johnson won 6-4, 6-2; Vancleave took the mixed doubles match over Chris Magee and Kelly Calahan in a hard fought battle, 6-4, 4-6, 6-1.

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Iraq -- Daniels returns home from war

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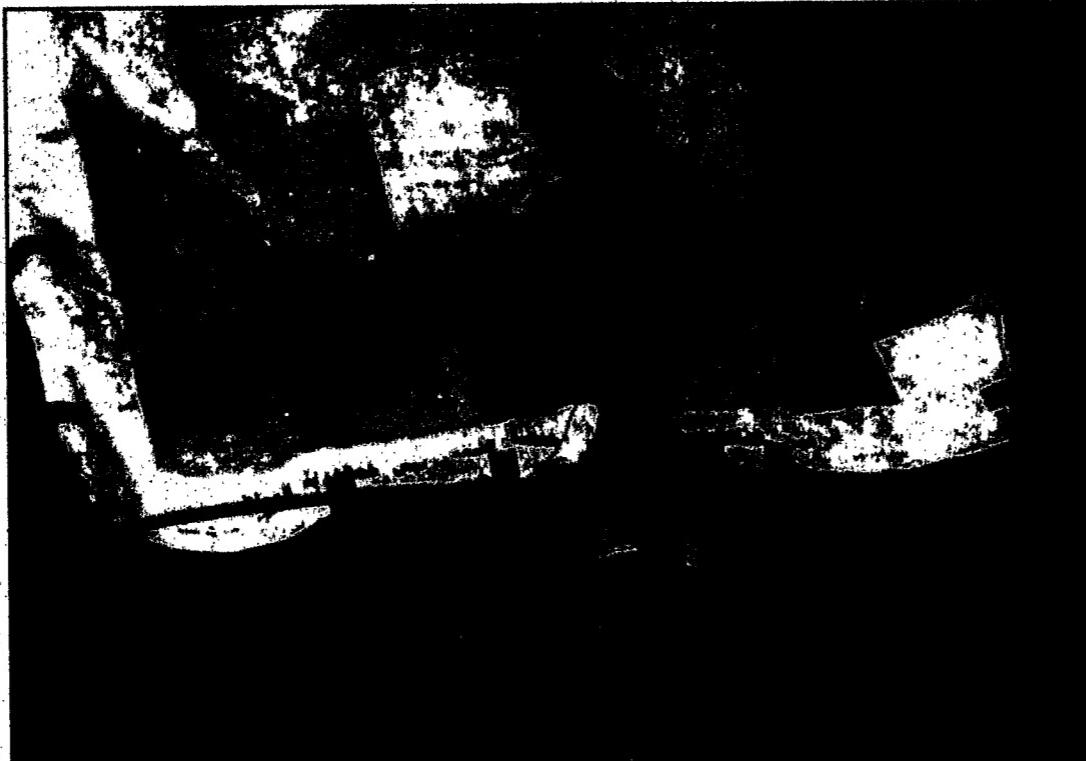
Daniels is a member of the 223rd Engineers Battalion out of North Mississippi which worked with and was attached to the 4th Infantry Division out of Fort Hood in Killeen, TX.

He wasn't surprised when he found out he would be sent overseas, he said, and was excited at first and ready to see what was going on in Iraq. The unit was deployed out of Fort Campbell, Kentucky to Camp New Jersey in Northern Kuwait. The men spent about a week there waiting for others to arrive and to unload equipment from ships. Then they convoyed north to Baqubah. The trip took five days, with most night spent sleeping on the side of the road.

"Kuwait was hot, just hot," said Daniels. "The dust storms caught me by surprise. I was elated and eager to get where we were going, but along the way I started to get a little nervous. There were thousands and thousands of people lining the roadways ... some cheered; some didn't; some just sat there ... I was a little nervous not knowing who was who."

The convoy detoured around Baghdad, which was a hotspot. Their destination, Camp War Horse, was at a burned out bombed out airfield, filled with confiscated planes.

It was miserably ungodly hot and the troops had no source of running water. For a while, Daniels said, they were forced to severely ration what little water they did have and live on food rations. Questions about bathing brought laughter. To bathe you had to ration some of your drinking water and have someone pour it over you from above, he said, so there was very little bathing. Later, a "water buffalo," or tank of purified



Sadaam's picture hangs over a bomb in the Iraqi cit of Baqubah.

water served to provide more water from the Tigress River, which was about 5 or six miles away.

For the first several months living was mostly an outdoors affair, Daniels said, because there were few tents. Men slept under tarps stretched between the few tents until early fall, when more supplies arrived. In July, Brown and Root, a subsidiary of Halliburton, arrived and set up a dining facility, he said, but it was destroyed by bombing the next day. It finally got up and running later in August, he said, and the food improved.

"Things got better as time went on," he said. "And when it finally cooled off at night you could see more stars than you've ever seen." Daniels estimated that the city was small, probably about the size of Gulfport. People kept to themselves, he said though many of the servicemen, including Daniels made friends there. The ordinary people were friendly and extremely generous, he said. One friend,

who owned a soda shop lent him his phone to call home. And kids would run out of mud huts with bread, likely the only thing in the house, and give it to the servicemen as thanks for their liberation from Saddam.

Many of the bombings and mortar attacks came from people who were paid to stage the attacks, Daniels said. The people had nothing and were often offered four or five times more than they could make in a year (four or five hundred dollars) to stage an attack on the base or a scouting party. They would drive by and stand up and shoot from a truck and then gun it and race away, he said, or they would shoot from the middle of a schoolyard where we couldn't shoot back. For much of the time the men were ordered not to return fire, he said. They lost many men.

One of the duties of Daniel's unit was to perform raids to seize weapons stockpiles. The raids were performed at all hours of the day and night. The raid-

I think at first they were scared to admit that they were happy to have us there, but by the time we left I would say that 98 percent of the people were happy ... they kept asking is he really gone?"

But it is a different place, Daniels said, one in which religion completely controls lifestyle. And everything about the country was very primitive compared with the United States, he said, in technology and in every way.

Daniels said he liked the

interaction with the people the best, walking down the street and seeing first hand the hope that the troops have brought to the people who would thank you in broken English. The worst was the constant mortar fire and of course, the horrible heat.

After adjusting to being back home Daniels hopes to pursue his career as a surveillance investigator, put on hold during his service. He is a graduate of Ole Miss and the son of Joyce Johnson.

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Many gardeners think that the prolific flower production of a hibiscus requires high amounts of super-bloom type fertilizers high in phosphorous. This is not the case. Hibiscus prefers a balanced fertilizer formula such as a 6-6-6. It prefers monthly, small applications of fertilizer.

If you are growing hibiscus or any other plant in containers during the summer, they must be watered daily. Keep in mind that the nutrients quickly leach from

the soil. You will have to dilute and apply a water-soluble fertilizer weekly, or add time-released granules monthly.

Periodically, we get calls from gardeners who get aphids and spray with malathion. The hibiscus does not like this insecticide, and it results in severe foliage burn. Many times aphids can be simply picked off hibiscus buds. If the problem is severe, make sure your insecticide can be used on hibiscus. Read the label!

Whether you are treating hibiscus, roses or any other plant during the summer, make sure they have been well-watered a couple of hours before the insecticide

application. I kept one particular hibiscus that I really liked for more than 12 years. I would plant it in the landscape and when cold weather approached, I would dig it up, prune the roots and top and plant in a container with a light potting mixture.

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Schoultz
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knowing that it was a job well done," said Shoultz.

Since returning home Shoultz has received a commission as a Lieutenant in the United States Air Force Reserve. He will serve in a nursing position, meeting once a month with his new reserve unit at Keesler AFB, Biloxi.

"Bay Saint Louis is proud of Rusty and his service, both at home and abroad. We are grateful to have him back with his firefighting shift" said Chief Robert Gavagnie and Mayor Eddie Favre.

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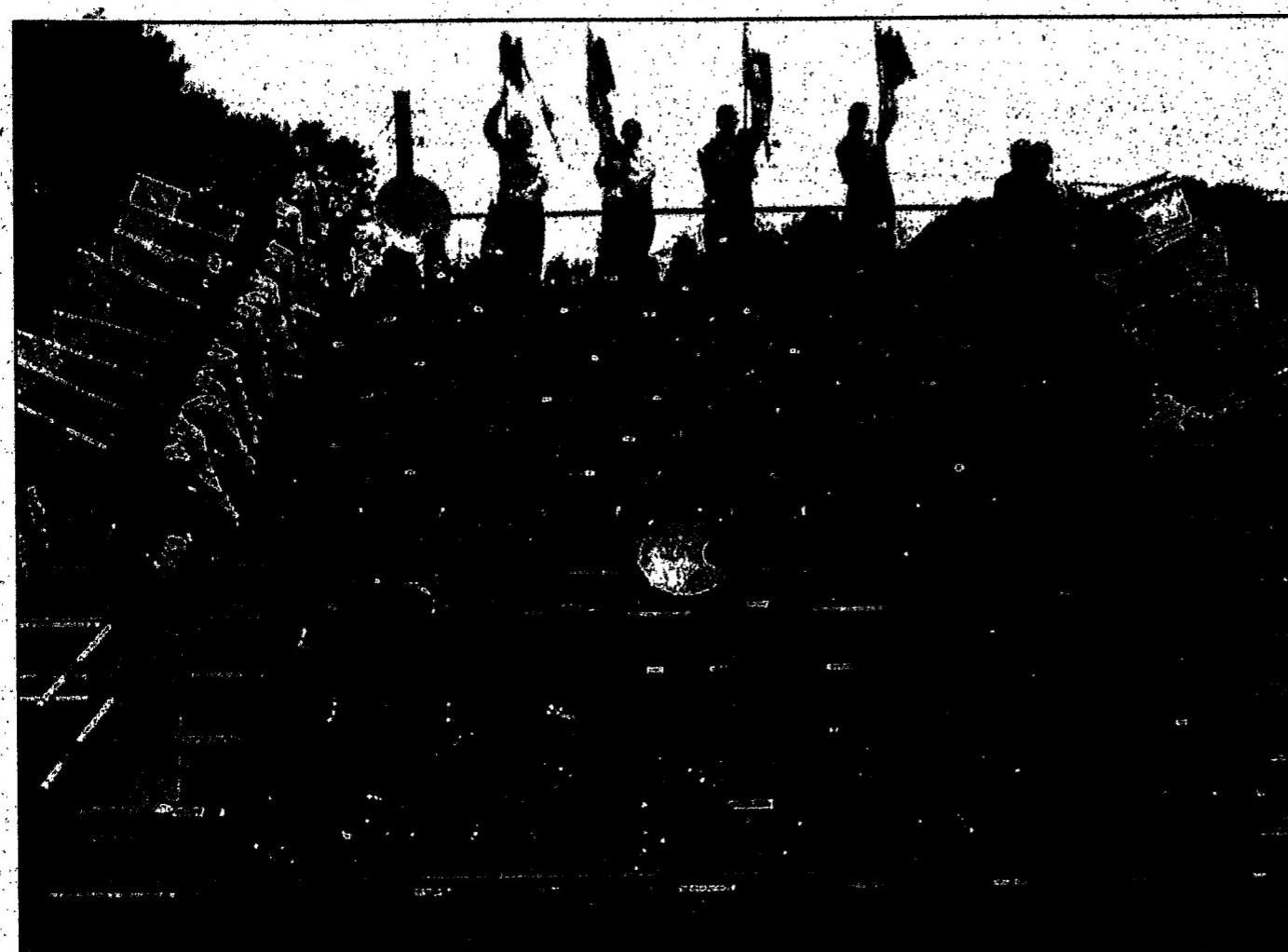
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The Bay High School Tiger Pride Marching Band.

BY CATCHIE CRIDER

The Bay High School "Tiger Pride" Marching Band has received the honor of being invited to perform in Epcot's "World Showcase" Parade, sponsored by "Magic Music Days." The Bay High Band will be performing in front of an international audience on Friday, April 2, 2004, at 7:35 P.M.

Because the Walt Disney World Resort is one of the most requested venues for guest performing groups from around the world, the Bay High Band had to meet stringent performance criteria to receive the invitation.

Not only was the band required

to have musical talent, but they also had to meet the requirements of precision in marching, perform with energy and display a sense of stage presence. The band was required to submit a video tape of the band performing and a recent photograph of the ensemble. A panel of judges then reviewed the submitted material, and "voted" as to whether the ensemble would be accepted to perform at Disney World. A formal letter of acceptance was then sent to the band director. The band will perform John Philip Sousa's march, "Stars and Stripes Forever" as the band marches around the "countries" of the World Showcase. The

band will then perform a "show stop" to feature the band's Color Guard (flag team) and the Dance Team, The Bay High Steppers. Past Disney performances of the Bay High "Tiger Pride" Band: 1998-Epcot's "World Showcase" Parade, 2000 and 2002-Disney's Spectrum Magic "electric" Parade. The Bay High "Tiger Pride" Marching band is under the direction of Ms. Catchie Crider, and is assisted by Bay-Waveland Middle School Band Director Mr. John Barrilleaux. The Color Guard Instructor is Ms. Anna Coggins and the Bay High Steppers Dance Team is under the direction of Mrs. Natalie Skinner.

Bay-Waveland School District Band Members attend Mississippi's Oldest Band Clinic



Band members from Bay-Waveland Middle School and Bay High School recently attended Pearl River Community College Band Clinic. Thirty schools were represented from Mississippi. Top two rows: (L to R) Bay High School Band Members: Matthew Turcotte, Travis Smith, Bob Edmonds, Johnny Perrot and Tony Waltman. Ms. Catchie Crider, Bay High Band Director, Kindra Snouffer, Derek Kimmel, Jilean Baldree, Amber Smith and Mr. John Barrilleaux, Bay-Waveland Middle School Band Director. Bottom two rows: (L to R) Bay-Waveland Middle School Band Members: Raymond Cayula, Brittany Spears, Stephen Cox, Chip Eubanks, Stephanie Williamson, Richard Hannah. Bottom Row: Shannon Murphrey, Maggie Worrel, Daniel Carter.

The ARTS meets in Hancock

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The Arts Hancock County, Mississippi, hosted the second of their "focus" meetings on March 24 at the Hancock County Library in Bay St. Louis. Featured this meeting were the poets of the organization.

Former president of the Gulf Coast Writers Association Julius Egloff kicked the meeting off with a history of poets and poetry organizations in the area. Audience members were treated to readings by several poets, including William F. DeVault, Spencer Smith, Toby Aldrich, Jan Densmore, Susie Pinjuv, Donald McLaw, Pat Robinson, Sharon Kroenlein, and Lonnie

Marshall.

Susie Pinjuv, a newcomer to the area, was introduced to the audience. A visual artist who works in wood and bronze as well as a poet, Ms. Pinjuv has offered space at her new home in Bay St. Louis for use as a poetry center. The center will house three extensive private libraries of poetry for public use. Members hope that its presence will help to enable new as well as veteran poets to publish their work.

Many poets involved in The Arts are also members of the Bay Poets. This group meets every second and fourth Thursday at 7:00 pm at Da Beach House in Bay St. Louis. For more information on the Bay Poets,

contact Gail Mollring at 467-4398 or Lane Shaw at 463-2654.

The next "focus" meeting of The Arts will be held on May 26, and will feature artists who work in clay. Local potter and sculptor Regan Carney will host the meeting. On April 28, The Arts will hold the spring quarterly meeting. For more information on either meeting, please visit The Arts website at www.hancock-art.com, or call 228-467-1007.

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"Mississippians should be aware of the health risks associated with secondhand smoke," explained Gloria Necaise, project director for PATH, The Partnership for a Healthy Hancock & Pearl River Counties.

According to the data, there is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke. We encourage citizens to protect themselves and their families whether they are at home, in the car or out in public."

The Partnership offers literature and other educational information to help you learn more about quitting tobacco use and making your home tobacco-free. Please contact Gloria Necaise at (228) 586-2590, or contact the Tobacco Education Resource Center at 877-303-8372.

PATH, The Partnership for a Healthy Hancock & Pearl River Counties is the local affiliate of The Partnership for a Healthy Mississippi. The Partnership is a public/private, nonprofit organization comprised of more than 800 statewide governmental and nongovernmental agencies, as well as community groups.

- Secondhand smoke is the third leading preventable cause of death in the United States.
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Leming, Wallace receive HEADWAE honors for PRCC

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You might say that Pearl River Community College student Dana C. Leming is a firm believer that "it is never too late to learn."

Why else would this 35-year-old make the 90-minute drive daily from her home in Columbia to Bay St. Louis for her clinical at the Hancock Medical Center? Her 150-mile round trip begins each morning at 5 and ends sometime after 4 in the afternoon, just in time to prepare supper before study time. She estimates her weekly cost for fuel at around \$50.

"Going back to school after being out for 12 years was a challenge," said Leming, a sophomore in the Medical Laboratory Technology program at the Forrest County Center in Hattiesburg.

"Dedication and drive were attributes that came with age, which gave me an advantage over the traditional students. Age made me more thankful and aware of the opportunities I was given. There were many sacrifices on my part but more from my family."

There have been missed holidays, birthday parties, and little time for others. Everyone has tried to understand and work around my schedule, but it has been a sacrifice."

A sacrifice that has paid off. Leming, with MLT Instructor Evelyn Wallace, represented Pearl River Community College recently as HEADWAE's 2003-04 student and educator of the year.

Wallace and Leming were recognized by the Mississippi Legislature in Jackson last month along with other educators and students from colleges and universities across the state. The legislature established the Higher Education Appreciation Day-Working for Academic Excellence program in 1988.



TOP AWARDS: Instructor Evelyn Wallace (left) and student Dana C. Leming of Columbia represented Pearl River Community College recently as HEADWAE's 2003-04 student and educator of the year. Wallace and Leming were recognized by the Mississippi Legislature in Jackson last month along with other educators and students from colleges and universities across the state. The legislature established the Higher Education Appreciation Day-Working for Academic Excellence program in 1988.

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The state Legislature established the Higher Education Appreciation Day-Working for Academic Excellence program in 1988. Each year the program recognizes certain students for excellence in academics and different teachers for extraordinary contributions to academic promotion.

"This award was a very big surprise," said Leming. "The validation and recognition was an added benefit to the education I have received. My goal is not to be recognized by others for my accomplishments, although that is very special. My goal is to inspire our five granddaughters to continue their education as

they grow and to have a love for learning that will last throughout their lives."

"The HEADWAE award is a tangible expression of my hard work and something for them to aspire to. I would like to thank my loving and supportive husband (Joseph Gerald Leming) for all he has done to make my success possible."

Because her father was in the service, Leming, a native of Tuscaloosa, Ala., has had to move around quite a bit. She graduated from high school in Junction City, Kan., and lived in Germany for a couple of years, before eventually winding up in Columbia. Her husband of 12 years drives a log truck.

"He worries about me, but we have a house note and other bills; you either make the sacrifice or you don't," she said. "He does everything necessary to help me."

When she was laid off from her job at a convenience store, Leming received assistance from the Workforce Investment Act program for displaced workers through the state employment office.

Juggling the roles of full-time student and wife has been difficult, but the excitement of learning combined with the support of some faculty quickly reversed all her doubts.

"PRCC has offered me the most valuable gift available - an education," said Leming. "Mrs. Wallace and Mrs. (Tamara) Henderson have tried to provide the most information in the most supportive environment. They try to provide a quality education with real-life practical laboratory experience. Their doors

were always open and they are always willing to listen."

"For them educating is a calling not a profession. The academic teachers are just as dedicated. Mrs. Kimberly Roberts is one academic teacher that comes to mind. She has volunteered her time and talents to her students, even outside of the classroom. From Dr. (William) Lewis, Dr. (Cecil) Burt, the educators, to the office personnel, I have received the best education in the friendliest, most supportive environment. I could not have asked for a better education or a better institution."

Leming will graduate in August with an Associate in Applied Science degree. She plans to further her education at either William Carey College or the University of Louisiana at Monroe, with the help of a \$1,000 Dade Behring Clinical Laboratory Scholarship, which she applied for and received.

Wallace, director and instructor in the Medical

Laboratory Program at the Forrest County Center in Hattiesburg, has 10 years of service at PRCC. She has a Bachelor of Science degree from William Carey College.

Her honors include 2003-04 Strathmore's Who's Who, 2000-01 Who's Who in Medicine and healthcare, 2003-04 Who's Who Among America's Teachers; and a Registered American Medical Technologist. She is a member of Trueway Baptist Church, American Society of Clinical Laboratory Scientists, Chi Beta Phi, and graduated with Cum Laude distinction from William Carey.

Wallace is an Applied Academics Pilot Study Representative, a science and engineering fair judge at the University of Southern Mississippi, and a member of PRCC's Institutional Effectiveness committee.

She and her husband, David, have two children, David A. Wallace Jr., and April Goff.

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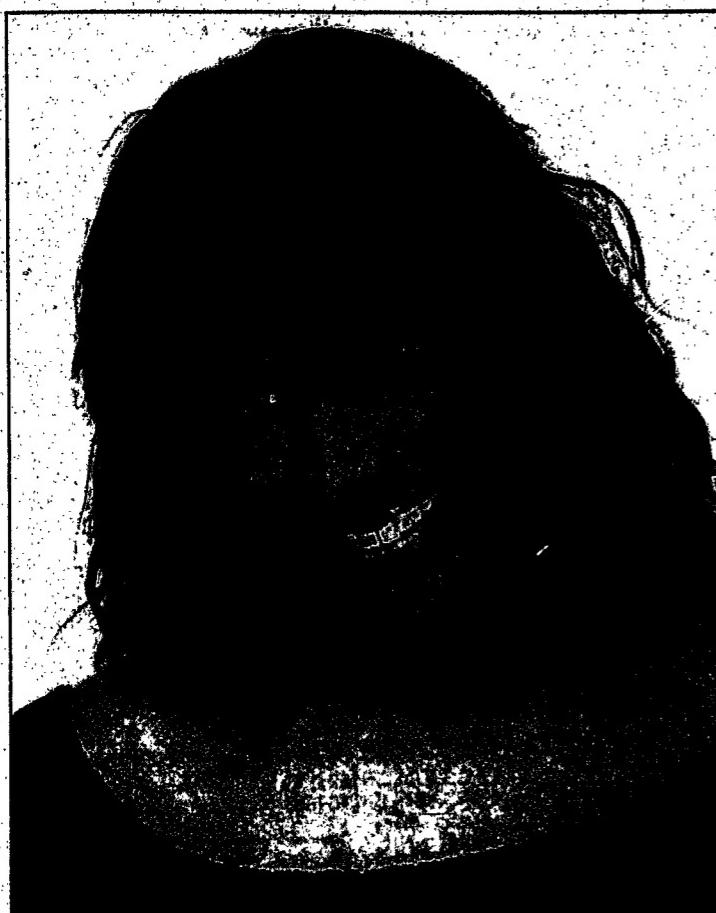
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Natalie Cole

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Enjoy an unforgettable evening with multiple Grammy Award winner, Natalie Cole at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis on Friday and Saturday, April 2 and 3 at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$34.95, \$39.95 and \$44.95 and may be purchased at the Casino Magic Box Office, by calling 1-800-5-MAGIC-5 or through any Ticketmaster outlet.

For almost 30 years, Natalie Cole has made her own distinctive mark on the music industry. The daughter of legendary crooner, Nat King Cole, she made her singing debut at the age of six on his Christmas album. By college graduation, Natalie had a record deal and her own style of gospel and R&B infused pop. Her first album was released in 1975, and yielded the hits, "Inseparable," and "This Will Be (An Everlasting Love)." Twenty-

two albums later, Natalie has won numerous accolades for her work, including eleven Grammy Awards, an NAACP Image Award, and Soul Train Music Awards. Hit singles from her multi-platinum albums include: "Pink Cadillac," "Miss You Like Crazy," "I've Got Love on My Mind" and "Unforgettable" in which she sings a duet with her late father through the miracle of technology.

Cole's latest album, a jazzy interpretation of forgotten musical treasures entitled "Ask a Woman Who Knows," was released in 2002 to wide critical acclaim. The album just further proves that if there is one "woman who knows" what it takes to be a success in the music industry, it's Natalie Cole.

Don't miss Natalie in two performances, April 2 & 3, at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis! Must be 21 to attend.

Arts of N. Ireland joins ARTS of H.C.

The Arts Council of Northern Ireland has joined forces with the City of Bay St. Louis and The Arts, Hancock County Mississippi to bring artist/printmaker Margaret Arthur to Bay St. Louis. Ms. Arthur will be in town to conduct an interactive seminar on "The Concept of Open Studios."

The seminar, which is being promoted by the Mississippi Arts Commission, will be held at The Depot in Bay St. Louis on Monday, April 5 beginning at 2:00 p.m. Topics to be covered include defining, structuring and funding an open studio.

Ms. Arthur co-founded the Seacourt Print Workshop in Bangor, Northern Ireland in 1981, and

where she now serves as Chair of the Board of Trustees. She continues to work there as a full-time artist and tutor in printmaking, and has taught at all levels of education. Ms. Arthur studied fine art in Belfast, did a post-graduate year at Brighton College of Art and completed a teaching degree at Ulster College of Art and Design.

For more information on the workshop, visit www.seacourt-ni.org.uk.

The Arts Hancock County Mississippi is an umbrella organization founded to encourage, promote and support all of the arts in Hancock County. For more information on The Arts, visit the web site at www.hancock-art.com, or call 228.467.1007.

Jazz in the Pass scheduled for May 8

The Sixth Annual Jazz in the Pass will be held on Saturday, May 8 from 11 a.m. till 8 p.m. at Memorial Park on Scenic Drive in Pass Christian.

Jazz in the Pass is a free family festival under the

Oaks featuring Jazz, Dixieland, and Blues and more. Bring your picnic chairs.

For more information call Co-Chair Dan Ellis at 452-3138 or check the website at <http://jazzinthepass.com>.

Arts Under the Dome concert series

BY BENNIE
SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

The Arts Under the Dome 11th Concert Series will present the New Leviathan Oriental Fox-trot Orchestra on Saturday, April 3 at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in downtown Gulfport. The New Orleans based, 18 piece orchestra, has been entertaining audiences for over 30 years. The Gulf Coast Art Association will hold an exhibit and sale prior to the concert and during intermission.

New Leviathan is dedicated to the preservation and performance of largely

forgotten popular music from the early 1900's, with an emphasis on early New Orleans composers such as Jelly Roll Morton and Walter Doyle.

Oriental Fox-trot was a novelty genre of the 1920's that injected far-flung narratives and exotic musical themes into traditional dance numbers of the era. The group was born as an effort to preserve this music and grew into other styles from there.

Though the fox-trot still figures prominently in their repertoire, listeners are just as likely to hear two-steps, rags, marches, jazz compositions, blues numbers, or

other styles of an 40 year era covering everything from ragtime to the 1930's.

Home for the last 20 years has been the Historic Precision Hall which serves as the band's office, rehearsal hall, library, and recording studio.

Members of the group include lawyers, doctors, teachers, and even a rocket scientist.

They have never had an outside agent or manager and handle all aspects of the band business themselves, with responsibilities divvied up among the members according to their talent. They still practice weekly. Over the years they have

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The New Leviathan Oriental Fox-Trot Orchestra

Coast Chorale Spring Concerts to feature African Music theme

The Coast Chorale will perform two spring concerts this season on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. The program, "An African Trek through Folk and Faith," will be presented in Bay St. Louis at the Bay High Auditorium on Saturday, April 24, at 7:00 pm, followed by a second performance on Sunday, April 25, at 3:30 pm in the Fine Arts Auditorium on the Jeff Davis Campus of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Biloxi. Admission to all Coast Chorale concerts is free.

The program will feature an unusual variety of choral music that includes Guido Haazen's Missa Luba, a Mass in Congolese Style; several choral arrangements by Robert DeCormier, including the South African Zulu song, Wimoweh (Mbube), record-

ed by the Weavers in the 1950s and later by The Tokens as "The Lion Sleeps Tonight," and even a ragtime piece by Scott Joplin.

According to Joy Mehrhtens, Artistic Director of the Chorale, the entire spring program this year consists of new music the Coast Chorale has not performed in the past. "Early this year, we had planned on a spring concert program with more traditional music," she said. "But then we were invited to perform with several other choruses in June at the Vermont International Choir Festival in Stowe. The songs we're preparing for Stowe are quite different, so we've decided they would be a real treat for our Coast audiences."

Ms. Mehrhtens explained that a major goal of Coast Chorale has always been to present a wide vari-

ety of choral music to Gulf Coast audiences.

In addition to its spring concerts, the Coast Chorale will entertain at the Celebrity Chefs Fest 2004, on Sunday, April 4, at Our Lady Academy in Bay St. Louis.

Coast Chorale was formed in 1993 and has performed at New York's Carnegie Hall twice, as well as in Austria and Italy. It receives partial funding support through a grant from the Mississippi Arts Commission.

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The Walter Anderson Players plan auditions

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The Walter Anderson Players, Jackson County's Community Theatre, will hold auditions for "Sordid Lives," a very adult comedy by Del Shores on Friday, April 2, and Saturday, April 3, at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the Ocean Springs Library on Dewey Avenue in Ocean Springs.

"Sordid Lives" is an hysterical comedy that begins when Peggy hits her head on the sink and bleeds to death after tripping over her lover's wooden legs in a motel room.

From there, chaos erupts and the laughs begin. Parts

are available for 6 men and 6 women, ages 25 and up. Anyone interested in volunteering for the production crew should also attend auditions. The show will be directed by Wayne Stephens and will be produced May 21-23 at the Ocean Springs Community Center. For more information, call (228) 875-3207.

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ANTIQUES, COLLECTIBLES, Tools, dolls, furniture. One piece or house full. Call 467-2628 days.

CASH FOR UNWANTED ITEMS before garage sale, moving, estate disposal or cleaning out. Buying brick, household, tools, antiques, sheds/garage items. Wood furniture etc. Call 467-4857 if we can help you out! Also cleaning out sheds/garages for cash/contents. All messages returned promptly.

126 Campers/Motor Homes

1986, 24FT. WILDERNESS 5th wheel camper. Sleeps 6, all new tires, hitch included, very nice. \$4200. 228-671-9400.

128 Boats & Motors

2000 XL 800 YAMAHA WAVERUNNER. Garage kept, low hours, excellent condition, ready for the water. \$4900. firm. 467-3133.

21' CHRIS CRAFT SCORPION, 1995, 5.8 liter engine, less than 10hrs., depth finder, Loran, Marine radio, \$7500. 467-0217 or 518-1451.

25' FT. BOSTON WHALER, 225 Johnson VRO, 150 gallon, live well center console, dual wheel trailer. Good condition. \$18,000. 228-586-5253 or 323-4643.

1117 WAVELAND AVE. SAT. 4/3/04, 9:00a.m. Adult & children clothes, toys, misc. antique arcade games.

2. FAMILY YARD SALE: Household items, 4 drawer file cabinets, misc. nick knacks. Everything must go! 609 Coral St., Waveland off Ave B. Friday & Saturday, 8:00a.m.-2:00p.m.

2107 ARNOLD ST. CORNER OF Gladstone. Saturday only, 8:00a.m.-1:00p.m. too much to mention.

432 SANDY ST. WAVELAND, Fri. 2nd, Sat./3rd, Sun./4th, 8:00-til. Plus size clothes, TV, furniture, to much to list.

'72 FORD, FRAME BENT, excellent motor & trans. Lots of new parts, \$500. 467-0940.

'83 VOLVO STATION WAGON, runs good, \$800/obo. 467-8363 or 493-1154.

BAD CREDIT, NO CREDIT, NO PROBLEM! Guaranteed approved financing on all cars. Klin. Auto Outlet. 586-0100.

NOTICE OF ABANDONED VEHICLES The following vehicles will be sold 30 days after the first publication:

1998 CHEVY S10 P/U VIN#1GCCS1445WK203103

1990 MAZDA 929 VIN#JM1HC22131Q308937

1988 MERCURY TOPAZ VIN#1MEPM3859J613054

1990 GEO METRO VIN#JGMR6466LK766373

1987 DODGE R50 VIN#JB7FL24DHP105897

1997 PONTIAC SUNFIRE VIN#1G2JB5240V7529155

1985 BUICK CENTURY VIN#1G4AL19E4FT459700

Mike Pernicaro Auto 10001 Pernicaro Ln.
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
228-467-7005
4/1, 4/8, 4/15/2004

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1992 MAZDA 626
VIN#1YVGEG2A9P5114071

1993 MAZDA 929
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Moss Towing
4087 Thirteenth Street
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
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3/18; 3/25; 4/01/04

LOVELY HOME in Exclusive & Quiet Neighborhood of Bay St. Louis! Approx. 2,600 sq. ft. of living area with 4 Bed/3Bath. Features front and back porches, fireplace, pretty corner lot, double garage - \$227,000. ML#151895

Waterfront Weekend Retreat Priced to sell at Only \$64,000. Close to Bayou LeCroix and Highway 603 on a quiet waterway. Features 2 bed/1bath, Dock, Porch. Owner wants to see all offers. ML#145692.

Good Building Lot on Harrison Court in Cedar Point! \$33,500. ML#146819

Waterfront Lots on Skyline Drive - Approx. 100 X 100. \$85,000 ML#151758

Waterfront Lots on Helen Street - Approx. 60 X 100 each. \$32,500 each. ML#144499 & 144500.

Commercial Acreage on Bayou Portage! Approx. 2.5 acres with a Beautiful View of the Water. New on the Market. #350,000 ML#151704

COLDWELL BANKER
Margie Mayfield, Realtor, GRI
640 Highway 90, Waveland, MS, 39576
(228) 263-6421
(228) 493-2520

GM SALE, IN THE PRICE RANGE everybody wants, 02 Grand AM, 02 Alero, 02 Malibu, all V-6, 4 drs, low miles, take your pick, \$8995 or \$179 a month. Jimmy Stockstill Motors, Picayune, 1-800-798-9133.

GUARANTEED CREDIT Approval on nice cars. 01. Durango, sharp, 3 seats, \$239 a month. Jimmy Stockstill Motors, Picayune, 1-800-798-9133.

JIMMY STOCKSTILL MOTORS, Picayune, has 150 clean cars, 01 Neon, 21K miles, 4 Dr., wng, \$5995. 1-800-798-9133.

TOYOTA FOR PARTS \$300, OBO. 469-0369.

1986, 24FT. WILDERNESS 5th wheel camper. Sleeps 6, all new tires, hitch included, very nice. \$4200. 228-671-9400.

1988 GMC (LAUNDRY STYLE) good box truck, 6.2L diesel, \$2,500 firm. 467-3483.

JIMMY STOCKSTILL MOTORS, Picayune, has 150 clean auto's, 01 Toyota, 4x4, X-Cab, V-6, \$249 a month. 1-800-798-9133.

1979 FORD F150 LARIAT CUSTOM LWB, 302HP motor, \$1,000/obo. 228-466-3423.

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"All real estate advertised herein is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act, which makes it illegal to advertise any preference, limitation, or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin, or intention to make any such preference, limitation, or discrimination."

We will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. All persons are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised are available on an equal opportunity basis."

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Bay Side Apartments

NOW RENTING

CALL TODAY!!

467-2881

701 Union Bay St. Louis

8am-12pm Mon-Fri

2 BEDROOM COTTAGE, Waveland, pet free. 255-9397.

2 BEDROOM IN COUNTY, Central air/heat. Rent \$500, deposit, \$500. 467-5801.

2BR/1BA, FENCED YARD, Cottage style, \$600/month, pets welcome with extra deposit. 342-1694 or 466-6666.

308 FINK ST., WAVELAND, 3/BR, large yard, combination living & dining room, hardwood floors, bath, central a/c. Laundry/room separate, no/porch, pet/free. \$650/mo. \$650/dp. 504-271-8537.

310 VACATION LN., WAVELAND, 2BR/1BA, \$600/mo., \$500 deposit. Manieri Real Estate, 216-5750.

3BR/1-1/2BATH HOUSE: Central air/heat, fenced yard, 1003 Rue De LaSalle, Waveland. \$650/month, \$500/dp. Call 467-5348.

3BR/1BA, \$550/MO, PLUS DEPOS-IT, pet free, new stove & refrigerator. 467-0602 or 332-0938.

4BW/1BA, CENTRAL H/A, W.D. hook ups, \$650/mo., Owner Agent, 439-2177.

OLD TOWN BSL: 105 #3 STATE Street. Near beach, one bedroom, pet free, \$375/month, \$375/deposit. 467-7285 or 467-2596.

148 Mobile Homes For Rent

1BEDROOM/1BA, WATERFRONT duplex. Hwy 603, central ac/heat; pet/smoke free, large yard, \$450/mo., \$400/dp. Sealfish Realty 342-0783.

149 Mobile Homes For Rent

2 BEDROOM TRAILER new stove, refrigerator, \$395/mo., \$200/deposit. 6430 Lower Bay Rd. 467-2947.

2BR/1BA, TRAILER FOR RENT IN Klin, Pet/free. 255-9397.

2BR/1BATH NEAR GULFVIEW School, pet free, \$440/month, includes sewage & garbage. 467-6176 or 547-3455.

MOBILE HOME FOR RENT. CALL 228-467-9698.

SMALL SCOTTY CAMPER TRAILER for rent in country. Call 228-263-7733.

150 Unfurn. Houses Rent

1/2 ACRE LOT IN HENLEY PL. IN BSL asking \$14,500. obo. 985-710-2031.

7+ ACRES OFF HIGHWAY 90. Paved road, sewer available, mobile homes allowed. \$23,900 Coldwell Banker Alfonso Realty, Carol Shippy, 467-0600.

LOT FOR SALE: CHAPMAN RD., B.S.L., 80x120. Must see, make offer. Call 324-7930.

151 Houses For Sale

106 CHENEY LANE NEWLY ren-
ovated, block from B.H.S., 1625 sq. ft.
3Br/1.5Ba with 12x24 bonus room,
ceramic tile, new heat pump, vinyl
siding, fenced back yard, last house
on dead-end, \$119K neg. 228-452-
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159 Houses For Sale

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MEDITERRANEAN SHOWCASE, 3000 sqft. under roof, 4br/3 full baths, double car garage, on two large lots (corner) 10ft. ceilings, crown molding, hardwood floors, ceramic tile and new carpet, jacuzzi, large deck with gazebo, fenced yard, new appliances, centrally located, in heart of B.S.L., priced below appraisal at \$227,500. Call 342-2598, owner.

NEWLY RENOVATED 3BR/1BA. For sale by owner. Call for appointment to see, 255-9397.

OPEN HOUSE 106 CHENEY LANE, BSL. Sat. April, 3rd. 10:00am-1:00pm. Sun. April 4th, 1:00pm-4:00pm.

OWNER FINANCE: 3/B/R. \$57,000 w/\$2,000 down, notes \$570/total note. 100, Duthie St. off. St. Joseph, Wm. 1-228-332-1588.

WALK TO BEACH! 3BR/2BA 7 years old, fireplace, cathedral ceilings, 241 Bay Oaks Dr. BSL. Call Gold Coast 226-467-4479, 228-493-0708.

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CASE NO. ND-157.03
FILE NO. HN-203-25

EUGENE M. BUTLER
6434 LOWER BAY ROAD
BAT ST. LOUIS, MS 38003

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO
FORFEIT SEIZED PROPERTY**

You are hereby notified that on October 14, 2003, in Hancock County, Mississippi, the property listed and described below was seized by the Hancock County Sheriff's Department pursuant to the provisions of Code Ann. §41-29-153(a)(5) and (6) as follows:

YOUR PROPERTY MAY BE FILED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE 25TH DAY OF MARCH, 2004, WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR ANSWER IS NOT SO FILED, MAILED OR DELIVERED TO THE CLERK OF COURT, IT SHALL BE CONSIDERED AS AGAINING YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.

WITNESS my signature and official seal this 23rd of March, 2004.

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**IN THE CHANCERY COURT
OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**

**LAWRENCE J. HAND,
AND WILDA M. HAND** PLAINTIFFS
VS.

**THOMAS HARTWELL NEVELS,
EDNA KELLOG NEVELS,
DEBIA JNA;
MARSHA NECAISE, DEBIA JNA;**
AND ANY AND ALL
OTHER PERSONS

CAUSE NO.: C2301-04-2602

To: (1) Thomas Hartwell Nevels; if alive, who is believed to be a non-resident of the State of Mississippi, whose last known address, both post office and street address, is 12 North Lafouche Court, Kenner, LA 70065, after diligent search and inquiry, and if dead, the unknown heirs at law of Thomas Hartwell Nevels, whose names are unknown after diligent search and inquiry; (2) Edna Kellogg Nevels; if alive, who is believed to be a non-resident of the State of Mississippi, whose last known address, both post office and street address, is 12 North Lafouche Court, Kenner, LA 70065, after diligent search and inquiry, and if dead, the unknown heirs at law or devisees of Edna Kellogg Nevels, whose names and addresses are unknown after diligent search and inquiry; (3) Derek Nevalce, aka Nevalce, d/b/a JNA; if alive, whose last known address, both post office and street address, is 3183 Rocky Hill-Dedaux Road, Pass Christian, MS 39571 and it moved to be a non-resident of the State of Mississippi, after diligent search and inquiry, and if dead, the unknown heirs at law or devisees of Derek Nevalce, whose names and addresses are unknown after diligent search and inquiry; (4) Marsha Necaise, d/b/a JNA, whose last known address, both post office and street address is 3183 Rocky Hill-Dedaux Road, Pass Christian, MS 39571 and it moved to be a non-resident of the State of Mississippi, whose last known address, both post office and street address is 3183 Rocky Hill-Dedaux Road, Pass Christian, MS 39571 and it moved to be a non-resident of the State of Mississippi, after diligent search and inquiry, and if dead, the unknown heirs at law or devisees of Marsha Necaise, whose names and addresses are unknown after diligent search and inquiry; (5) Any and All Other Persons having claims against said estate to whom notice of this suit has been given in close proximity to the lands involved in the Complaint. You have been made defendants in the lawsuit filed in this Court by Lawrence J. Hand and Wilda M. Hand, plaintiffs, whose address is c/o George H. Lipscomb, Jr., P.O. Box 2144, Bay St. Louis, MS 39422.

The "Retrautive Prevention of Significant Deformation" (PSD) application requested a reduction in the maximum allowable PSD construction permit for the "Line II Expansion Project". PSD construction permit issued November 28, 1998 and a modification of the "Line II Expansion Project" construction permit issued January 27, 1998. The proposed project will result in a retroactive application of PSD to the "Line II Expansion Project" and the resumption of the "Line II Expansion Project" for PSD applicability. Retroactive means the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality will review the project, originally submitted January 1989 with the appropriate modifications, and issue a PSD permit. The project will evaluate Best Available Control Technology (BACT) using current BACT technology and requirements. Both projects were addressed in the same retroactive PSD application. One PSD construction permit was granted, titled "Retrautive PSD". PSD construction permit has been issued in public notice once before but is also included in this public notice, as it will be open for comments and discussion at the public hearing. Also, some modifications have been made to the draft permit initially sent to public notice on January 5, 1998.

The "Line II Expansion Project" is subject to the PSD regulations, which set certain requirements on the permissible incremental impact on air quality and the degree of control of air contaminants, and has been reviewed for compliance with those regulations. The project is predicted to be in PSD II area and the following consumption of air quality increments is predicted to occur:

Particulate Matter Less than 10 microns:

Annual 2.44 micrograms per cubic meter or 14.4% of the 17 micrograms per cubic meter increment.

Nitrogen Dioxide:

Annual 3.3 micrograms per cubic meter or 16.5% of the 25 micrograms per cubic meter increment.

Dust:

Annual 1.45 micrograms per cubic meter or 45 feet above mean high tide in height. The dredged materials will be contained on an on-site upland area. The proposed project is located in the City of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, Code of 1972, for the maintenance of a facility on Bayou Casote at 5110 Washington Avenue, Pascagoula, Jackson County, Mississippi.

It is necessary for the citizens of the District to borrow money in order to accomplish aforementioned purposes of the Project and:

WHEREAS, the District is authorized to borrow money in order to accomplish aforementioned purposes of the Project and:

WHEREAS, the Governing Body finds that the contemplated costs thereof will not exceed Three Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,400,000).

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the health and well-being of the citizens of the District to borrow money in order to accomplish aforementioned purposes of the Project and:

WHEREAS, the Governing Body finds that the contemplated costs thereof will not exceed Three Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,400,000).

WHEREAS, by various documents on record said loan is to be used for the following purposes:

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